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MARCH

7 Mon, 15.30
Coordinate Indexing Group Annual General Meeting and Lecture: The 'ideal' information retrieval test collection, by Dr. Karen Sparck Jones
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

8 Tues
Aslib (in association with Institute of Cost and Management Accountants) conference workshop: Value for money – costing and some aspects of cost effectiveness in the library/information unit
Gregory Hall of the Thomas Coram Foundation, Brunswick Square, London WC1
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
Leaflet with November/December issue

8/11 Tue/Fri
Aslib course: Classification and Indexing systems
Aslib
Fee: £58 Aslib members: £48
Details and application form in November/December issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

*14 Mon, 17.00 for 17.30
Social Sciences Group Evening Meeting: The King's College War Studies and Military Archives collection, by Anthony Shadrake and Julia Sheppard
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

15/17 Tue/Thur
Aslib course: Thesaurus Construction
Aslib
Fee: £39 Aslib members: £31
Details and application form in November/December issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

*16 Wed, 10.00
Chemical Group Visit and Demonstration of on-line information retrieval terminal
Science Reference Library, Bayswater Division
Contact: Helen Moss, Central Library, St Nicholas Way, Sutton, Surrey, 01 643 4461

16 Wed, 17.00 for 17.30
Aslib (with Institute of Information Scientists) Evening Meeting: Minicomputers in bibliographic retrieval, by M. Hyman and Eleanor Wallis, Logica Limited
Mechanical Engineering Theatre 342, Imperial College, London SW7
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
Leaflet in January issue

*16 Wed, 14.30
Aslib Northern Branch Annual General Meeting
Huddersfield Polytechnic
Contact: T. A. Silverwood, Information Officer, Ferodo Ltd., Chapel-en-le-Frith, Stockport, Cheshire

*16 Wed
Aslib Midlands Branch Annual General Meeting, Buffet Supper and Social Evening
Contact: J. A. Pickup, Albright & Wilson Ltd., PO Box 80, Oldbury, Warley, W. Midlands, B69 4LN

17 Thur
Economic and Business Information Group Visit and Meeting: The implications of the move of Companies House to Cardiff from the point of view of staff and users, by Companies House representatives and Mr. Leake, Jordans Companies House, Cardiff
Contact: Margaret Williams, J. Walter Thompson Company Limited, 40 Berkeley Square, London W1X 6AD

18 Fri, 15.00
Technical Translation Group Meeting: Federation of Translation Companies of Great Britain Limited
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

*22 Tues, 14.15
Electronics Group Visit: Bank of England Library Threadneedle Street, London EC2
Contact: Mrs. J. Morgan, Library, CEGB, Sudbury House, 15 Newgate Street, London EC1

25 Fri
Aslib Scottish Branch Annual General Meeting and one-day Conference: Periodical and serial resources Edinburgh
Contact: Wm. Rutherford, 22/24 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2PQ

Calendar

28/Apr 1 Mon/Fri — Aslib course: Business Information
Aslib
Fee: £65 Aslib members: £55
Details and application form in November/December issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

*29 Tues — Audiovisual Group Course on storage and handling of audiovisual materials
Garnett College, Roehampton, SW15
Contact: Miss V. A. Berkeley, 40 Queen Alexandra Road, Goldington, Bedford

APRIL

1/3 Fri/Sun — Electronics Group Annual Conference
Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge
Contact: K. N. Musk, The Library, Health & Safety Executive, Baynards House, Chepstow Place, Westbourne Grove, London W2 4TF
Leaflet with January issue

4/6 Mon/Wed — Chemical Group Course: Introduction to Chemistry
Polytechnic of the South Bank, London SE1
Contact: John Orpwood, Senior Information Officer, Coates Bros. & Co. Ltd., St Mary Cray, Orpington, Kent BR5 3PP
Leaflet with November/December issue

*12 Tues 18.15 — Aslib Midlands Branch (with LA, RS & IS and U & R)
Meeting: Periodicals Subscription Services by John Merriman, B. H. Blackwell Ltd
Birmingham Public Library
Contact: J. A. Pickup, Albright & Wilson Ltd., PO Box 80, Oldbury, Warley, W. Midlands, B69 4LN

15/17 Fri/Sun — Engineering Group Conference: Product Data
Cranfield Institute of Technology
Contact: B. R. Styles, C205, Property Services Agency, Whitgift Centre, Croydon, Surrey
Leaflet with February issue

18 Mon 10.00 — Coordinate Indexing Group Colloquium: About Aboutness
Aslib
Contact: K. P. Jones, MRPRA, Brickendonbury, Hertford, SG13 8NP

19/22 Tue/Fri — Aslib course: Introductory course to special library and information work
Aslib
Fee: £55 Aslib members: £45
Details and application form in January issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

20 Wed 17.00 for 17.30 — Economic and Business Information Group Meeting: Retailing Forum
Aslib
Contact: Margaret Williams, J. Walter Thompson Company Limited, 40 Berkeley Square, London W1X 6AD

25 Mon 17.00 for 17.30 — Computer Applications Group Evening Meeting:
Dr. P. Williams, UMIST
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

26 Tues 17.00 for 17.30 — Chemical Group Annual General Meeting and Evening Lecture
Aslib
Contact: D. Heathcote, Library & Information Service, Polytechnic of North London, Holloway, London N7
Details later

27 Wed 17.00 for 17.30 — Aslib Evening Meeting: Information: secure or insecure? by Joe Kenny, Chairman, Privacy and Public Welfare Committee British Computer Society
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
Leaflet with February issue

*27 Wed 10.00 — Aslib Midlands Branch Discussion Forum: Introduction to Industrial and Business Information Services
Melton Mowbray
Contact: J. A. Pickup, Albright & Wilson Ltd., PO Box 80, Oldbury, Warley, W. Midlands, B69 4LN

27/29 Wed/Fri — Aslib course: Social sciences information
Aslib
Fee: £44 Aslib members: £34
Details and application form in November/December issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

28 Thur 17.00 for 17.30 — Social Sciences Group Evening Meeting and talk by J. Hennessy
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

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2 Mon — Aslib course: Microforms in libraries
NRCd, Hatfield
Fee: £25 Aslib members: £20
Details and application form in January issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

10 Tues 15.00 — Technical Translation Group Meeting: The Translators' Guild of the Institute of Linguists
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
Note change of date

*12 Thur — Transport and Planning Group Annual General Meeting and Visit
Milton Keynes Development Corporation
Contact: B. Burrows, The Library, Milton Keynes Development Corporation, Wavendon Tower, Milton Keynes, MK17 8LX
Details later

12/13 Thur/Fri — Aslib course: Introduction to the Universal Decimal Classification
Aslib
Fee: £30 Aslib members: £24
Details and application form in February issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

16/20 — Aslib course: Senior introductory course to special library and information work
Aslib
Fee: £65 Aslib members: £55
Details and application form in January issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

*18 Wed — Aslib Conference Workshop: Interacting with users for effective information use
Gregory House, The Thomas Coram Foundation, Brunswick Square, London WC1
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
Details later

*18 Wed — Economic and Business Information Group Annual General Meeting and Lunch
City of Birmingham Polytechnic
Contact: Miss Margaret Williams, J. Walter Thompson Co., 40 Berkeley Square, London W1X 6AD

*26/28 Thur/Sat — Aslib Midlands/Northern Branch Conference Intelligence — tomorrow's information service Abbey Hotel, Great Malvern
Abbey Hotel, Great Malvern
Contact: J. A. Pickup, Albright & Wilson Ltd., PO Box 80, Oldbury, Warley, W. Midlands, B29 4LN
Details later

27/28 Fri (14.15) /Sat — Social Sciences Group Conference Workshop: Information for political action
Polytechnic of North London
Contact: J. Hennessy, School of Librarianship, Polytechnic of North London, 207–225 Essex Road, Islington N1 3PN
Tel: 01–607 2789 Ext 2405

JUNE

1 Wed — Computer Applications Group Conference: Networking
Geological Society of London
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
Details later

*16 Thur 14.30 — Aslib Midlands Branch Visit: British Non-Ferrous Metals Technical Centre
Wantage, Berks
Contact: J. A. Pickup, Albright & Wilson Ltd., PO Box 80, Oldbury, Warley, W. Midlands, B29 4LN

16 Thur 17.00 for 18.00 — Aslib Tenth Annual Lecture by the Rt. Hon. Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge, Minister for the Arts
Royal Institution, 21 Albemarle Street, London W1
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

JULY

13/15 Wed/Fri — Computer Information Group Conference: Data bases, their organisation and application
University of York
Contact: F. C. A. Exon, Centre for Research in User Studies, University of Sheffield, Western Bank, Sheffield S10 2TN

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SEPTEMBER

20/23 Tue/Fri — Aslib 51st Annual Conference: University of Lancaster
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

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*11/13 Tues/Thur — EURIM 3: a European conference on the contribution of information users to the formulation of information policies and systems operation
Munich-Sheraton Hotel, Munich
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
Details later

SEPTEMBER

19/22 Tue/Fri — Aslib 52nd Annual Conference, University of Edinburgh
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

* = new entry

MARCH 17 – 19, 1977

3rd HENLEY CONFERENCE ON COMMERCIAL INFORMATION

to be held once again at the Administrative Staff College, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon.

This is a biennial working conference for librarians who actively provide commercial, industrial and business information services, through a reference service or a regional scheme.

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Aslib Activities

HEADQUARTERS

EURIM 3: a European conference on the contribution of information users to the formulation of information policies and systems operation

11–13 April 1978, Munich/Sheraton Hotel, Munich, Germany

As *Aslib Information* goes to press comes the news that at a meeting in January the representatives of the sponsoring organisations of the EURIM conferences (Association Nationale de la Recherche Technique, Bibliothèque Royale de Belgique, Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Dokumentation, NOBIN and NORDFORSK), agreed that EURIM 3 should be held in the spring of 1978, with the hope that this series of conferences would become an international biennial event. The decision has been taken to hold EURIM 3 in the Munich/Sheraton Hotel, Munich, from 11–13 April 1978, and the programme will consider how users can influence the formulation of international information policies and systems operation. A Programme Committee, nominated by the sponsoring organisations, will develop this theme and details of the programme that emerges will be available shortly. So watch this space and mark the dates in your diary. Contact for further information is the Conference Organiser, Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PL.

Aslib 51st Annual Conference

20–23 September 1977, University of Lancaster

Aslib's 51st Annual Conference, to be held from 20–23 September 1977, at the University of Lancaster, will take a look at information resources in the United Kingdom in the context of their contribution to a national information system. Speakers from the United States and Canada have been invited to describe their countries' experiences in trying to implement a national programme for library and information services; in so far as little evidence of an overall policy in this country seems to exist, the papers and discussion could be controversial and it is hoped that some valuable lessons will be learnt.

The projected session on commercially funded resources, which has been arranged with the help of the newly formed Information Industry Group, will be backed up by an exhibition which could be one of the great attractions of the Conference. Lancaster University provides ideal facilities for this, in a hall which adjoins the hall where the sessions will be held and which will itself be a focal point of the Conference.

The advance programme, giving details of the topics and speakers, visits, social and accommodation arrangements, will be distributed in March, as will details and booking forms for the exhibition. Contact for further information is the Conference Organiser, Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PL.

Interacting with users for effective information use: a Conference Workshop

18 May 1977, Gregory House, The Thomas Coram Foundation, Brunswick Square, London WC1

The object of this conference workshop, intended for information workers in industry, the institutions and training boards, government and local government, is to look at the interaction between information services and users to try to suggest how this can be fostered to increase the effectiveness of information use. The initiative for such interaction rests mainly with information staff; on the practical level this can take the form of seeking out new users, the study of user needs, keeping in touch, feedback, learning processes both formal and informal, and these will be studied in papers and workshops, but with the emphasis on how the interaction that both stimulates such initiatives and takes place during them can be improved.

The programme and registration form for this conference workshop will be distributed in March and the contact for further information is the Conference Organiser, Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PL.

PEOPLE

Leslie Wilson

The Director has accepted an Honorary Fellowship of the Institute of Information Scientists. This has been awarded for his work in developing Aslib and all its services to the high standards and world-wide repute of today.

Maxine MacCafferty

The bibliographer and editor of the Aslib Bibliography Series, has left to work with the technical information service of the International Energy Agency, Coal Research, which is based in London as NCB (IEA) Limited.

J. Leo Jolley

Leo Jolley, Chairman of the Aslib Coordinate Indexing Group and Chairman of J. L. Jolley and Partners, died on Christmas Day after a short illness. Leo had been Chairman of the CIG since its formal inception in 1969 and was very active in its affairs, including some which must have competed with his own commercial interests.

Leo Jolley worked energetically in an attempt to standardize the vocabulary relating to coordinate indexing – he particularly abhorred the loose and indiscriminate use of term, keyword and descriptor; particularly the first-named which transgressed the terminology of statistics. He was also keen to

establish the fundamental nature of the indexing process, and was highly active in the application of the theory of integrative levels both in his day to day work and in an attempt to develop a classification which he hoped could be founded on a lucid mathematical basis. Even those who disagreed with his approach to classification could not fail to be stimulated by his presentations of his classification. Ideally this needed a lecture theatre with an almost inexhaustible supply of blackboard. Starting with the binary relationship, running through elementary particles, atoms and molecules one seemed to reach human institutions in an amazingly short time: Leo could compress the whole miracle of creation into an hour and leave his audience stunned.

He was the inventor of a machine which could count the holes in feature cards and "convert" featuré cards into paper-tape suitable for computer input. He was the author of several books and many papers, and chaired many CIG meetings. Leo Jolley was a widower and leaves two daughters and a son. He will be greatly missed by the Coordinate Indexing Group.

COMPUTER APPLICATIONS GROUP

Networks and their applications: a national and international review

1 June 1977, Geological Society of London, Burlington House, London W1

The aim of this, the first conference to attempt an overall picture of national and international networks and their applications, is to give senior staff in libraries and information units a clear view of the network situation as it is today; the possibilities for resource sharing that they open up and the way in which these services can be exploited by the user. Professor P. T. Kirstein (Head of Computer Systems, University College, London) and Alex Tomberg (Royal Dutch/Shell, The Hague) are among the distinguished speakers who will contribute to the programme.

A programme and registration form will be distributed shortly and further details can be obtained from the Conference Organiser, Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PL.

CO-ORDINATE INDEXING GROUP

Colloquium About Aboutness.

The Co-ordinate Indexing Group are organising a one-day colloquium at Aslib Headquarters (3 Belgrave Square, London SW1), on 18 April 1977. It will begin at 11.45 am and will run until the late afternoon with a lunch break. Admission is free. Speakers will include E. M. Keen, R. Moss and Dr M. Masterman.

For further information contact K. P. Jones, (Aslib), MRPRA, Brickendonbury, Hertford SG13 8NP.

CONSULTANCY DEPARTMENT

An important customer of the Consultancy Service in 1976 was the Commission of the European Communities. Four projects were completed during the year, three being concerned with costs and pricing of information services, and one with the organization of a course for SDIM indexers. The results of the first two costing studies will be published shortly by the Commission. One report describes a detailed cost-accounting scheme for computer-based information systems, while the other is on the development and use of cost prediction models for such systems. The most recent project, a study on the financing and pricing policy for information and documentation services in Europe, was intended solely for the use of the Commission and will not be published.

Two other international organizations helped to keep the consultants busy during the past year. As mentioned previously in this column, a study is being carried out for the IAEA, in Vienna, on the comprehensiveness of the coverage of the INIS service. A preliminary report has been presented, but further work remains to be done.

UNESCO is preparing a series of guidelines for national authorities concerned with the development of national information systems (NATIS) and Aslib was commissioned to produce the guideline on estimation and analysis of costs on a national scale.

As will be evident from the above, and from the report on our work in Greece (see *Aslib Information* for October), the Consultancy Service has done a fair amount of travelling in the past year. But Aslib members in the UK have not been neglected. A number of projects have been carried out for industrial and other private organizations in the U.K, mostly for the development of information services and filing systems. Towards the end of 1976, work began on a major project for the Property Services Agency a report on which will appear in this column later.

On the staff front, Rona Passmore joined the Consultancy Department in December, bringing a useful enrichment of our capability in the computer systems field. Alan Gilchrist will be leaving Aslib at the end of February to work as an independent consultant, but will continue to work on a number of Aslib contracts that are still in progress. Letters and telephone calls may still be directed to him at Aslib, 36 Bedford Row.

News

Ronalds Trust presented to the IEE

On 13 December 1976, the Ronalds Trust presented to the Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE) the Ronalds Library, a collection of some 8000 books and pamphlets on magnetism, electricity and the development of the electric telegraph. The collection was compiled by Sir Francis Ronalds (1788–1873), scientist and inventor and one of the earliest members of the Institution (then called the Society of Telegraph Engineers).

After Ronalds died the Library was handed over to the Society by his brother-in-law and a Trust set up to administer the conditions stipulated in the Trust Deed; conditions including the publishing of Ronalds' bibliographical catalogue and the rebinding and maintenance of the books in the collection. The period of trusteeship having elapsed on 8 December 1976, the full ownership of the Ronalds Library now passes to the IEE.

For further information contact: Annemarie Cunningham-Swendell, Press & Public Relations Officer, IEE, Savoy Place, London WC2R 0BL.

Centenary of the Library Association

In 1977 the Association will celebrate its Centenary. The past 100 years have witnessed the expansion of the profession and of the Association as the professional body that seeks to promote the interests of librarians and librarianship in the United Kingdom and through its participation with international organizations, in the world at large.

A number of events are planned for 1977 to celebrate this centenary, the centrepiece of which will be the Centenary Conference which will take place at the Royal Festival Hall in October, 1977 and at which it is anticipated that upwards of 1,000 librarians from this country and overseas will join in celebrating this unique and important occasion in the history of this developing profession.

Library Advisory Council (England)

At the meeting of 10 November 1976, the following matters were discussed:

1. *Working party on library services to the disadvantaged*

It was reported to the Council that the Working Party were still hopeful of being able to submit their Report to the Council's meeting in April 1977.

2. *Working party on local library cooperation*

The Council were informed that this Working Party had held its first meeting under the chairmanship of Mr. Roy Huse, County Librarian, West Sussex, and had decided on its programme.

3. *The six-counties study*

The Council received a progress report of the study which was being undertaken by the Department's Library Advisers on the effect of current constraints on library services in six counties in south-eastern England. The study was expected to be completed early in the New Year.

4. *Effects of the economic situation on public libraries*

The Council had before it a paper on this subject. It noted that public library authorities had in general under-spent in 1975–76 and expressed concern that this should have happened at a time when there was an increased demand for the library service. The Council asked to be kept informed of developments.

A statement by the Anglo-American national libraries

Representatives of the British Library, the National Library of Australia, the National Library of Canada and the Library of Congress met at the Library of Congress on 8–9 November, 1976, for informal discussions of problems and strategies on cooperative aspects of cataloguing. One of the major topics was the impact that will result from the impending promulgation of two major compilations of standards now approaching the final stages of edition.

AACR II

The first of these is the second edition of the Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules. The latest information available on the editing and publication time-table for AACR II seems to indicate that simultaneous publication of the unified text is unlikely to occur before mid or late 1978. Although AACR II is not a new code, to adapt to the changes it does embody will involve staff training, development of new internal procedures and perhaps some modification to the formats for the programs for machine input of bibliographic data. The four libraries agree that the minimum allowable period for gearing-up is six months, preferably longer. This would mean that they would not be ready to implement AACR II until mid 1979 at best.

The four libraries further agreed that it would be highly desirable to make the adoption of AACR II coincide with the cumulation patterns of their printed bibliographies and catalogues, which are based on the calendar year. The main justification for this is to provide a usable temporal reference point for identifying the applicable rules under which a work is catalogued.

Accordingly, the four libraries recommend that machine input of new titles in conformity with AACR II should begin late in 1979, based on the lead time required to prepare and process entries appearing in the first 1980 issuances of printed and machine-readable cataloguing records.

Dewey

The second compilation in progress is the 19th edition of Dewey Decimal Classification which, at latest report, is scheduled to appear in 1979. The four libraries feel strongly that adoption of DDC 19 should also be targeted for 1 January, 1980, for substantially the same reasons cited as for AACR II, but also because simultaneous adoption of AACR II and Dewey 19 will make it possibly better to coordinate their conversion efforts individually and cooperatively.

Accordingly, the four libraries have agreed to announce immediately their concurrence in a joint strategy for implementing AACR II and Dewey 19 effective 1 January, 1980. It is hoped that the making of their intention a matter of public record well in advance of the contemplated changes will help the thousands of libraries which use the bibliographic products of the four libraries to plan their own adoption strategies.

Engineering design and computers — NRDC forms international marketing company

The National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) has formed a wholly-owned subsidiary company, to be known as Compeda Limited. The new company will undertake the world-wide marketing of computer-based application systems related to engineering design. It has been set up to assist the active marketing of software or system packages developed by University departments and Government-sponsored research organisations. A major asset of the Company is that it will have the technical resources to allow it to provide a full back-up service and also to adapt the tailor existing packages to suit market requirements. In the future, the Company also plans to place contracts with appropriate organisations for the development of systems to suit specific markets, both in the UK and overseas. The Managing Director, who was appointed on 1 January 1977, is Mr. Keith Trickett.

Further information on Compeda Limited can be obtained from: Mr. John Scholes, Computers and Automation Group, NRDC or Mr. Keith Trickett, Compeda Limited, 101 Bancroft, Hitchin, Herts. Tel: Hitchin (0462) 56595.

RIBA Bookshop

Since its establishment over two years ago, the RIBA Bookshop has proved the largest and best public bookshop specialising in architectural publications. With more than 20,000 books currently in stock, sales range from RIBA, HMSO and Open University publications, to contracts and legal guides, practice notes, historical monographs and the major specialist periodicals. New titles are usually available on the day of publication. Large sections, containing many titles from abroad, are devoted to design, interiors, construction, planning and building types and cater for the architectural historian as well as the practising architect. Visual aids for teachers, such as wallcharts and slide view packs are on sale and the student may obtain guidance notes to RIBA examinations, past papers and reading lists.

The RIBA Bookshop maintains a mail order service, a tracing service for books not in stock and handles subscriptions to the main specialist periodicals. Both the quarterly 'Publications Newsletter' and the monthly 'Bookshop Newsletter' are distributed to those on the mailing list. The Bookshop also acts as distributor for the Institute of Landscape Architects and the Land Use Built Form Studies Unit at Cambridge University.

The Bookshop is situated on the right of the Reception Hall in the Institute's headquarters at 66 Portland Place, London W1N 4AD. Opening hours: 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., Monday to Friday. Tel: 01 637 8812.

Evaluation of AGRIS (International Information System for the Agricultural Sciences and Technology)

The FAO has just reached an agreement with Unesco, whereby this Organisation will in accordance with the Guidelines developed for the evaluation of information systems within the framework of its UNISIST programme direct the activities of an Evaluation Team and nominate the Members of the Team.

The appointed Evaluation Team is composed of the following four experts:

1. J. MARTYN (Team Leader), Head of Research and Development, Aslib, 36 Bedford Row, London WC1R 4JH, UK.
2. F. W. LANCASTER, Professor, Graduate School of Library Science, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois 61801, USA.
3. Dr. Osman A. Badran, Professor and Head of Forestry Department, University of Alexandria, El Shatby, Alexandria, Arab Republic of Egypt.
4. (To be appointed in the near future).

The Evaluation Team will carry out its work from December 1976 to April 1977, when its report will be submitted to the Director-General of FAO who will, in turn, report to FAO's governing

bodies (Council and Conference). Within the limited time available, members of the Team will consult, in as many countries as possible, individuals who can aid them in the evaluation. They will seek information and advice, through questionnaires and through visits whenever possible from: policy-makers, and policy-formulators directly concerned with agricultural information services, AGRIS Liaison Offices, AGRIS input centres, recipients and users of AGRINDEX.

CONFERENCE

The First International Conference of Scientific Editors 24–29 April 1977. This conference will be held at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel. It aims at providing a forum for the exchange of ideas and for decision making on an *international, interdisciplinary* and *interinformational* basis in the field of scientific publications. Editors will consider their role in the feedback to authors and the feedforward to publishers, librarians, retrieval devices and to the scholarly and general public, academic and other institutions.

Correspondence regarding the programme to the Chairman, POB 4059, Jerusalem, Israel and regarding travel and accommodation, to Kenes, Organisers of Congresses and Special Events Limited, POB 16271, Tel. Aviv, Israel. Telex: 341171 KENS IL.

3rd Henley Conference on Business Information will be held on 17–19 March, at Greenlands – the Administrative Staff College at Henley-on-Thames. This March, the emphasis will be on establishing and widening of professional contacts and on a series of topical and practical papers.

Write for details to: Miss Annabel Cass, Alan Armstrong & Associates, 8 Queen Victoria Street, Reading, Berks RG1 1TG.

3RD HENLEY CONFERENCE ON COMMERCIAL INFORMATION WORK

MARCH 17 – 19, 1977

to be held once again at the Administrative Staff College, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon.

This is a working conference, for librarians actively providing commercial, industrial and business information, either through a reference service or through a regional co-operative.

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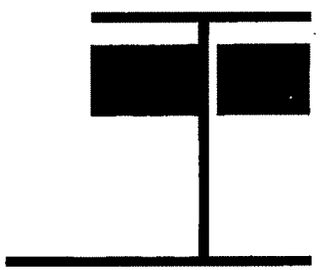

COURSES

NCC Training courses. The National Computing Centre has published a list of its computer training courses for 1977. The booklet, summarising the comprehensive range of courses available for the computer professional, includes courses on systems analysis and design, project planning and control, on-line concepts and systems, data communication, database concepts and design, DP standards, security, structured programming and a range of programmes on FILETAB, CORAL 66 and computer concepts for managers.

Copies of the NCC training programme for 1977 are available from The National Computing Centre, Oxford Road, Manchester, M1 7ED.

MEETING

Society for the Bibliography of Natural History. A meeting will be held at the Linnean Society of London, 14–15 April, 1977. Papers offered for the meeting and under consideration are on such topics as: manuscripts at the New York Botanical Garden; correspondence between Sir Joseph Hooker and Charles Darwin; Thomas Huxley and the Kennedy Expedition; George Hoggart Toulmin: geology and politics; compilers and sources of English herbals; Murchison's *Geology of Russia* and natural history drawings collected by John Hunter.

For further information contact Mrs. I. A. Diment, Easter Meeting Secretary, Palaeontology

Library, British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Road, London SW7 5BD.

SEMINAR

Annual International Seminar on Library Management and Research

From 13–16 September 1977, the Library Management Research Unit will be holding their fourth international seminar on Library Management and Library Management Research at Loughborough University of Technology. The Unit previously has held three successful seminars when they were located at Cambridge University. The Unit intends to continue holding these seminars annually.

Further details and an outline programme can be obtained from the course director: J. L. Schofield, Director, Library Management Research Unit, Department of Library and Information Studies, University of Technology, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 3TU.

SYMPOSIUM

Proceedings of the Symposium on the National Health Planning Act, which arose from a one day symposium on 'The National Health Planning Act: Potential for Information Service Activities': has been published by the Colombia University Health Sciences Library and edited by C. Lee Jones, Health Sciences Librarian at Colombia is available for $6 from C. Lee Jones, Health Sciences Librarian, Columbia University Health Sciences Library, 701 West 168th Street, New York City, New York 10032, Please send a cheque, made out to Columbia University Health Sciences Library, with an order.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Library and Information Studies in the United Kingdom and Ireland, 1950–1974: an Index to Theses. Aslib, 1976

This new publication from Aslib fills a large and obvious gap in the bibliographical treatment of research into library and information activities; for the first time details of over 600 theses in this field presented to 42 universities and colleges are brought together, including many not previously reported in any published source. *Library and Information Studies in the United Kingdom and Ireland, 1950–1974: and Index to Theses* lists, in chronological order, masters and doctoral theses presented in conjunction with taught courses as well as those resulting from full-time research, during a period of growth of higher education in librarianship and information studies.

The *Index* will prove valuable to practising librarians and information workers as well as students and teachers; not only does it offer a historical perspective and review of research undertaken, thereby indicating possibilities for future research, but it also contains details of many studies undertaken in direct response to the identification of practical problems arising in libraries and information units.

Where appropriate, theses closely related to the central fields of librarianship and information studies have also been included (on, for example, education, computer science, communications, bookselling, printing, etc). The *Index* has been compiled and edited by Peter Taylor, Senior Research Officer at Aslib.

Minicomputers and bibliographic information retrieval

This report, prepared under contract by Logica Ltd., London, provides a guide to the characteristic features of mini-computers and their differences from the larger machines on which most bibliographic information retrieval systems have so far been based. Following an introduction for the non-expert to the nature of bibliographic information retrieval, the report discusses the design and operation of mini-computer-based information retrieval systems and the advantages and limitations of alternative approaches. The topics include the relative merits of on-line and batch processing for the various components of the system and the selection of storage media, file structures, terminal equipment, enquiry languages and programming languages. The technical features and costs of four model systems illustrate the potential use of mini-computers. The report identifies a number of application areas on which research might be undertaken. A glossary lists the computer and information retrieval terms used in the report.

HYMAN, Mike and WALLIS, Eleanor. Mini-computers and bibliographic information retrieval. London, British Library, 1976. 125 p. (BLRD report 5305) £5. (ISBN 0 85350 144 0).

'Herbert Schofield and Loughborough College'

To all intents and purposes the life of Herbert Schofield and the history of Loughborough College are inextricably linked. Schofield became Principal of Loughborough's small evening institute in 1915 and retired in 1950 as Principal of Loughborough College, a world-renowned institution. The story of the rise of Loughborough College is a fascinating one. It describes the small evening institute with administrative offices on the corner of Greenclose Lane and Ashby Road;

the addition of a war-time instructional factory for training munitions workers, which somehow grew to become the nucleus of an engineering college; the political and other moves to achieve a college with multifarious activities, which included courses to university standard based on the theory of 'training on production'. Schofield was the driving force who devoted all his time to the pursuance of what he called his life's work, Loughborough College, having few other interests.

Copies of the book are available from the author, Joan M. Harvey, 42 Hall Gate, Diseworth, Derby at £1.75, post included.

On-Line Review

The first issue of *On-Line Review* – the international journal of on-line information systems will be published in March 1977. The journal will be launched with a companion bibliography compiled by Donald Hawkins of Bell Laboratories, New Jersey, and covers the on-line information retrieval literature from the late 1960s to the present. The bibliography will prove useful to anyone wanting to enter or brush up on the subject. It is available free to all institutions subscribing to *On-Line Review* before 31 March 1977.

On-Line Review is edited by Martha Williams, Director of the Information Retrieval Laboratory and Research Professor at the Co-ordinated Science Laboratory of the University of Illinois and Alex Tomberg, Head of Methods Division at Shell Central Offices in the Hague, Netherlands.

On-Line Review is issued quarterly and the annual subscription price is $45 or $25 for individual subscribers. Further information is obtainable from the Publishers: Learned Information (Europe) Ltd., Woodside, Hinksey Hill, Oxford OX1 5BP or from the Editor, Alex Tomberg, in the Hague, Netherlands 70-77-38-40.

Disasters

This new journal, published under the aegis of the London Technical Group aims to provide for physical, social and medical scientists, engineers and responsible administrators a single focus for the discussion of the rapidly emerging science of Disaster Technology. Published in 1 volume yearly of 4 issues the subscription rate is ($40.00 and £24.44), postage included. Free sample copies are available from Jim Gilgunn Jones, Senior Publishing Manager, Engineering and Materials Sciences, Pergamon Press Ltd., Headington Hill Hall, Oxford OX3 0BW.

Middle East Economic Digest

Newspaper Archive Developments Limited, a division of Times Newspapers Limited, announce an important new addition to the range of publications which they sell on microfilm. *The Middle East Economic Digest* (MEED) has been published weekly for 20 years. During the two decades since MEED's first edition in March 1957, the Middle East area has undergone a multitude of developments and changes: politically and economically it has emerged as a vital world force. MEED's consistent high standard of reporting over this period has created for the journal an unrivalled reputation as the most authoritative and reliable source of information available to those with a commercial interest in the region. All past issues of MEED will be filmed, and future issues will be available on a subscription basis.

For further information contact Bruce Jeffcott at Newspaper Archive Developments Ltd., 16 Westcote Road, Reading, RG3 2DF.

British Aircraft Corporation

The Guided Weapons Division has published a history of the division entitled *Good Company* by A. R. Adams, the former Divisional Company Secretary. It costs £3 and is available from the Company Secretary's Office, B.A.C., Six Hills Way, Stevange, Herts SG1 2DA.

Consumer information

A paper on the organisation and role of consumer groups and their information services by Peter Thomas, Chief Librarian, Consumers' Association, has been deposited in the Aslib Library. It was presented at an Institute of Information Scientists Northern Branch Conference at Liverpool in November 1976. The 24 pages may be obtained for the usual photocopy fee of £2.40 + VAT, or on microfiche for 25p + VAT.

NRCd Micrographics Abstracts 2001–3000

These abstracts are edited by Gordon Harris, Hatfield, NRCd, 1976. ISBN 0 85267 100 8. Subscribers £4.50, non-subscribers £6.75.

This volume cumulates abstracts published in *NRCd Bulletin* and *Reprographics Quarterly* between Autumn 1972 and Winter 1975/1976. It includes a name index containing trade names and unsigned titles as well as authors and a subject index consisting of the keywords published in B. J. S. Williams', 'Thesaurus of micrographic terms', 2nd edition, NRCd, 1972. Copies are available for reference in the Aslib Library.

On-Line Information Retrieval, 1965–1976: A Bibliography with a Guide to On-Line Data Bases and Systems, Aslib Bibliography No.8, is now in press and is expected to be available by the end of March 1977. Compiled by James L. Hall (UKAEA Culham Laboratory) its 900 entries are supplemented by two special tabulations covering on-line data bases (82 entries) and on-line systems/installations (108 entries).

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Calendar

1977
APRIL

1/3 Fri/Sun
Electronics Group Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting
Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge
Contact: K. N. Musk, The Library, Health & Safety Executive, Baynards House, Chepstow Place, Westbourne Grove, London W2 4TF
Leaflet with January issue

4/6 Mon/Wed
Chemical Group Course: Introduction to Chemistry
Polytechnic of the South Bank, London SE1
Contact: John Orpwood, Senior Information Officer, Coates Bros. & Co. Ltd., St Mary Cray, Orpington, Kent BR5 3PP
Leaflet with November/December issue

12 Tues 18.15
Aslib Midlands Branch (with LA, RS & IS and U & R)
Meeting: Periodicals Subscription Services by John Merriman, B. H. Blackwell Ltd
Birmingham Public Library
Contact: J. A. Pickup, Albright & Wilson Ltd., PO Box 80, Oldbury, Warley, W. Midlands, B69 4LN

15/17 Fri/Sun
Engineering Group Conference: Product Data
Cranfield Institute of Technology
Contact: B. R. Styles, C205, Property Services Agency, Whitgift Centre, Croydon, Surrey
Leaflet with February issue

18 Mon 10.00
Coordinate Indexing Group Colloquium: About Aboutness
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Contact: K. P. Jones, MRPRA, Brickendonbury, Hertford, SG13 8NP

19/22 Tue/Fri
Aslib course: Introductory course to special library and information work
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Details and application form in January issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

20 Wed 17.00 for 17.30
Economic and Business Information Group Meeting: Retailing Forum
Aslib
Contact: Margaret Williams, J. Walter Thompson Company Limited, 40 Berkeley Square, London W1X 6AD

25 Mon 17.00 for 17.30
Computer Applications Group Evening Meeting: Is an intermediary necessary for on-line bibliographic searching, by Dr. P. Williams, UMIST
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

26 Tues 17.00 for 17.30
Chemical Group Annual General Meeting and Evening Lecture
Aslib
Contact: D. Heathcote, Library & Information Service, Polytechnic of North London, Holloway, London N7

27 Wed 17.00 for 17.30
Aslib Evening Meeting: Information: secure or insecure? by Joe Kenny, Chairman, Privacy and Public Welfare Committee British Computer Society
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
Leaflet with February issue

27 Wed 10.00
Aslib Midlands Branch Discussion Forum: Introduction to Industrial and Business Information Services
Melton Mowbray
Contact: J. A. Pickup, Albright & Wilson Ltd., PO Box 80, Oldbury, Warley, W. Midlands, B69 4LN

27/29 Wed/Fri
Aslib course: Social sciences information
Aslib
Fee: £44 Aslib members: £34
Details and application form in November/December issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

28 Thur 17.00 for 17.30
Social Sciences Group Evening Meeting and talk by J. Hennessy
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

MAY

2 Mon
Aslib course: Microforms in libraries
NRCd, Hatfield
Fee: £25 Aslib members: £20
Details and application form in January issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

10 Tues 15.00
Technical Translation Group Meeting: The Translators' Guild of the Institute of Linguists
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
Note change of date

Calendar

*11 Wed — Information Industry Group Seminar: Marketing Information Services
Lecture Theatre, Sudbury House,
15 Newgate Street, London EC4
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
Programme and application form with March issue

12 Thur — Transport and Planning Group Annual General Meeting and Visit
Milton Keynes Development Corporation
Contact: B. Burrows, The Library, Milton Keynes Development Corporation, Wavendon Tower, Milton Keynes, MK17 8LX
Details later

12/13 Thur/Fri — Aslib course: Introduction to the Universal Decimal Classification
Aslib
Fee: £30 Aslib members: £24
Details and application form in February issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

16/20 Mon/Fri — Aslib course: Senior introductory course to special library and information work
Aslib
Fee: £65 Aslib members: £55
Details and application form in January issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

*17 Tues 18.00 — Audiovisual Group Annual General Meeting
American School, London
Contact: Miss V. Berkeley, 40 Queen Alexandra Road, Goldington, Bedford

18 Wed — Economic and Business Information Group Annual General Meeting and Lunch
City of Birmingham Polytechnic
Contact: Miss Margaret Williams, J. Walter Thompson Co., 40 Berkeley Square, London W1X 6AD

*26 Thurs — Aslib course: Techniques of reference work
Aslib
Fee: £20 Aslib members: £16
Details and application form in February issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

26/28 Thur/Sat — Aslib Midlands/Northern Branch Conference; Intelligence – tomorrow's information service
Abbey Hotel, Great Malvern
Contact: J. A. Pickup, Albright & Wilson Ltd., PO Box 80, Oldbury, Warley, W. Midlands, B29 4LN
Details later

27/28 Fri (14.15) /Sat — Social Sciences Group Conference Workshop: Information, public policy and political action
Polytechnic of North London
Contact: J. Hennessy, School of Librarianship, Polytechnic of North London, 207–225 Essex Road, Islington N1 3PN
Tel: 01–607 2789 Ext 2405
Leaflet with March issue of *Aslib Information*

JUNE

1 Wed — Computer Applications Group Conference: Networks and their application
Geological Society of London
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
Programme and application form with March issue

2 Thurs — Aslib Seminar: Interacting with users for effective information use
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

16 Thur 14.30 — Aslib Midlands Branch Visit: British Non-Ferrous Metals Technical Centre
Wantage, Berks
Contact: J. A. Pickup, Albright & Wilson Ltd., PO Box 80, Oldbury, Warley, W. Midlands, B29 4LN

16 Thur 17.15 for 18.00 — Aslib Tenth Annual Lecture by the Rt. Hon. Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge, Minister for the Arts
Royal Institution, 21 Albemarle Street, London W1
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
Leaflet and application form with March issue

*20 Mon — Co-ordinate Indexing Group one-day seminar: Integrative levels, in memory of Leo Jolley
Aslib
Contact: K. P. Jones, MRPRA, Brickendonbury, Hertford

*22/24 Wed/Fri — Aslib course: Mechanised current awareness systems
Aslib
Fee: £55 Aslib members: £45
Details from Education Officer, Aslib

*23 Wed 15.00 — Chemical Group Visit: Kew Gardens (including Library, Herbarium and Jodrell Laboratory)
Richmond, Surrey
Contact: Helen Moss, London Borough of Sutton Libraries, Stowford House, Brighton Road, Sutton
Details later

JULY

13/15 Wed/Fri — Computer Information Group Conference: Data bases, their organisation and application
University of York
Contact: F. C. A. Exon, Centre for Research in User Studies, University of Sheffield, Western Bank, Sheffield S10 2TN

SEPTEMBER

20/23 Tue/Fri — Aslib 51st Annual Conference: Information resources in the UK: their contribution to a national information system
University of Lancaster
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
Advance programme and exhibition space booking form with March issue of *Aslib Information*

*23 Fri 15.00 — Technical Translation Group meeting
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
Details later

OCTOBER

*6 Thurs afternoon — Chemical Group Visit: EEC Information Office
London
Contact: Helen Moss, London Borough of Sutton Libraries, Stowford House, Brighton Road, Sutton
Details later

*21 Fri 15.00 — Technical Translation Group meeting
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Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
Details later

NOVEMBER

*25 Fri 15.00 — Technical Translation Group meeting
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
Details later

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APRIL

11/13 Tues/Thur — EURIM 3: a European conference on the contribution of information users to the formulation of information policies and systems operation
Munich-Sheraton Hotel, Munich
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
Details later

SEPTEMBER

19/22 Tue/Fri — Aslib 52nd Annual Conference, University of Edinburgh
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HEADQUARTERS

Aslib 51st Annual Conference

20–23 September 1977, University of Lancaster

The advance programme of Aslib's 51st Annual Conference, together with details and booking form for the exhibition that will be an important adjunct to the programme, accompany this issue of *Aslib Information.* Separate copies and further information can be obtained from the Conference Organiser, Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PL.

'Information resources in the United Kingdom – their contribution to a national information system' is the chosen theme – chosen with the hope that, by ranging widely over resources funded publicly and commercially, in institutions, learned societies, research associations and industry, with a critical eye on their co-ordination (or otherwise) from the point of view of the most effective use of this most valuable national asset, many ideas and some controversy will be engendered. The topic will be explored in four main sessions: 1. Publicly funded resources, where resources provided by local government and local and national interaction will be described by R. G. Charlesworth, Devon County Librarian, while Peter Judge of CSIRO, Australia, will discuss overseas resources funded by government and whether an emergent world system can be discerned. 2. Speakers in the session on commercially funded resources include Dr Carlos Cuadra, System Development Corporation, Santa Monica, and M. Hymans, Derwent Publications, with a user's reactions to present services and the promise of future developments from John Pickup of Albright and Wilson Ltd. 3. 'The intermediaries' looks at the place in the national information scene of the institutions and learned societies (R. J. Millson, Engineering Synopses, University of Bath), research associations (A. B. Davey and R. J. MacLachlan, RAPRA) and industry (Professor J. B. Wilkinson, Unilever Research Ltd) – with the question implicit throughout – is there the germ of a national plan here? ought there to be? 4. A. F. Trezza, National Commission on Libraries and Information Services, Washington, and Gordon Wright, Toronto University Library, have been invited to describe their respective countries' experience in trying to implement a national programme for library and information services and in a final discussion Dr D. J. Urquhart will help to crystallise the questions that this conference has been asking and the areas where solutions might actively be sought.

The exhibition, arranged with the cooperation of the Information Industry Group, will be a very attractive feature of the conference. Staged in the Nuffield Theatre Studio adjoining the hall where sessions will be held, the accommodation and facilities are excellent and it will be at the heart of all conference activity. A reception for all delegates (replacing the First Timers' party) will give it and the conference a convivial start.

Early booking is recommended, particularly for the exhibition, as space is limited. For the conference, there will as usual be a concessionary rate for those booking before August 1.

Interacting with users for effective information use: a Seminar

2 June 1977, at Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London SW1

Intended for information workers in industry, the institutions and training boards, government and local government, the object of this seminar is to look at the interaction between information services and users to try to suggest how this can be fostered to increase the effectiveness of information use. The initiative for such interaction rests mainly with information staff; on the practical level this can take the form of seeking out new users, the study of user needs, keeping in touch, feedback, learning processes both formal and informal and these will be studied with the emphasis on how the interaction that both stimulates such initiatives and takes place during them can be improved.

The seminar will aim to create a real learning situation, giving insight into areas within an organisation where interaction might be established and suggesting attitudes that will recognise opportunities for sensing and meeting user needs. By demonstration and practical exercises participants will experience some of the techniques and methodology by which this important but subtle interaction with users can be created and improved. Seen as an experimental project, if the seminar is successful and attracts support, courses in this and allied subjects may be arranged in the future.

A programme and registration form will be distributed and further information can be obtained from the Conference Organiser, Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PL.

Tenth Aslib Annual Lecture

16 June 1977, Royal Institution of Great Britain, 21 Albemarle Street, London W1

Aslib's tenth Annual Lecturer will be the Rt Honourable Lord Donaldson, Minister for the Arts since April 1976, when he moved from the Northern Ireland Office.

The son of a Master of Magdalene College, Cambridge, his experience and interests have ranged widely from the Pioneer Health Centre at Peckham in London, through road transport to farming in Gloucestershire and Buckinghamshire. He has been involved with the National Association of the Discharged Prisoners Aid Societies, Chairman of the Board of Visitors for Grendon Prison and of the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders. He is a former member of the South Eastern Regional Planning Council and was Chairman of the Consumer Council. His recreations are music in general, opera in particular and he has been a Director of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden and of Sadler's Wells.

The Annual Lecture will be delivered at 18.00 hours (tea from 17.15) at the Royal Institution, 21 Albemarle Street, London W1. Details and application form accompany this issue: further copies and information can be obtained from the Conference Organiser, Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PL.

ASLIB INFORMATION INDUSTRY GROUP

Marketing Information Services – A Seminar

11 May 1977, at the Lecture Theatre, Sudbury House, Newgate Street, London EC2

The Information Industry Group has been formed in an attempt to give an identity to the information industry, hitherto an ill-defined concept in most parts of the world, and to provide a mechanism through which to develop its corporate interests.

Initially, it is expected that the Group's membership will consist primarily of abstracting and indexing services, both conventional and computer-based; specialist information and enquiry services, including financial and statistical services; publishers of specialist journals, surveys and analyses and other information compendia; and systems and other consultants working in the information management field.

Members of Aslib who have expressed interest in joining the Group have indicated two priority areas for the Group's attention. They are, first, the need to find ways of ensuring that the industry is recognised as such and its aims and interests effectively represented wherever necessary and, second, the scope for making an increasing impact on potential markets for its products through the exchange of experience, joint promotional activity – for example, at conferences and exhibitions overseas as well as in the United Kingdom – and the education of user groups in the broadest sense of the word.

This seminar on *Marketing information services* is the first event to be organised on behalf of the Group. It is intended to demonstrate the educational role the Group believes it can play by setting up seminars, discussion and study groups, where the informal exchange of ideas and some more formalised instruction may help members to improve their performance in various fields. Speakers will include A. E. Cawkell, Director of Research, ISI Europe; Dr A. K. Kent, Director of UKCIS; R. M. Rostron and Geoffrey Hutton, Hutton & Rostron; J. H. Sergeant, Marketing Manager, Barbour Index Ltd; Dr J. A. Stanfield, PA International Management Consultants and Dr Christine Whitehead, London School of Economics. The topics will range from a look at changes in the European scene and their impact on the market place to the practical problems of pricing information services, a look at a wide choice of sales methods, the effects on users of advertising and promotion, the problem of identifying and meeting users' needs and an appraisal of technical and promotional literature based on case histories provided by members of the Group. Time for questions and discussion will be allowed after each paper, so that a genuinely learning situation can develop and the occasion will also provide an opportunity for potential members to hear about the ideas that have gone into the formation of the Aslib Information Industry Group and the programme which is evolving from discussion in the Group's Steering Committee and with many Aslib members who have registered their wish to join the Group. Those attending the seminar will be able to question the Steering Committee about the Group's aims and activities.

A programme and registration form accompany this issue of *Aslib Information*. Separate copies and further information can be obtained from the Conference Organiser, Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PL.

ASSIG

A new acronym for a new name – the Aslib Social Sciences Information Group, as the Social Sciences Group will in future be called. In this issue you will find the programme and application form for the Group's conference workshop on May 27/28 at the Polytechnic of North London. *Information, public policy and political action* is the theme. Remember, too, the course on social sciences information, a must for librarians and information officers who wish to improve their service to users in the social sciences. To be held from April 27/29 at 3 Belgrave Square, the programme leaflet and registration form were distributed in February and further information can be obtained from the Education Officer, Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PL.

AUDIOVISUAL GROUP

Royal Opera House archives

It is hoped to arrange a visit to the Royal Opera House archives in May or June. For details, apply to Miss V. A. Berkeley, 40 Queen Alexandra Road, Goldington, Bedford.

ASLIB R & D

First International Conference of Scientific Editors, Jerusalem 24–29 April 1977

This is the first major attempt to provide a forum for all those people and organizations concerned with the primary communications of scientific information. The meeting will bring together members of the editing, publishing, information and scientific communities from all over the world and representing many different disciplines. Aslib will be represented by Tony Woodward of the Research Department, who will be presenting papers on Editorial Processing Centres and librarians' reactions to non-conventional publishing methods.

Aslib Activities

COMPUTER APPLICATIONS GROUP

Networks and their applications: a national and international review

1 June 1977, Geological Society of London, Burlington House, London W1

A programme and registration form for this, the first conference to attempt an overall picture of national and international networks and their applications, accompany the current issue of *Aslib Information*. Separate copies and further information can be obtained from the Conference Organiser, Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PL.

Intended for senior staff in libraries and information units, the aim of the conference is to give a clear view of the network situation as it is today, the possibilities for resource sharing that it opens up and the ways in which these services can be exploited by the user. Speakers include Professor P. T. Kirstein (Head of Computer Systems, University College, London), Dr. Philip Holmes (British Library) and Alex Tomberg (Royal Dutch/Shell, The Hague).

CO-ORDINATE INDEXING GROUP

Leo Jolley Memorial Seminar

The Aslib Co-ordinate Indexing Group is organizing a one day seminar on the theory of integrative levels and its application to classification and indexing systems at Aslib Headquarters on June 20th. Speakers who have agreed to participate include Messrs. R. A. Fairthorne and D. J. Foskett and Dr. F. Parker-Rhodes. Further contributors will be announced in due course. Admission to the Seminar will be free, but as space is limited, people wishing to attend should write to Aslib Headquarters stating their intention.

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Please help us to carry this project to a successful conclusion. Results could be interesting to you as individual members of the profession – has your career been 'typical'?

Contributors please send C.V.s and any queries to: Margaret Slater, Aslib R & D, 36 Bedford Row, London WC1. Tel: 01–242–4262.

AEBIG News

Aslib Economic and Business Information Group

Please send all contributions for the page to: Megan Thomas, Information Officer, Gordian Consulting Services Ltd., Kellogg House, 62–72 Chiltern Street, London W1M 2AD. Tel. No. (01) 486-4444 Ext. 344, Telex 261963. Garry Humphreys of the City Business Library is assisting in the editing of the Newsletter. Our deadline date for each issue is the 20th of the preceding month.

It is encouraging to be able to include two major items contributed by AEBIG members in the group page this month. Please keep the news and views coming – however contentious! Your name will not be given if you prefer.

Nominations for next year's group committee are now being called for. We hope members will consider whether they would like to put themselves up for nomination or nominate another person. All nominations should be seconded and have the approval of the nominee. Please send details to Mrs Kathleen Morris, the committee secretary, at Hertis Industrial Services, The Hatfield Polytechnic, P.O. Box 110, Hatfield, Herts AL10 9AD.

Union List of Directories

In view of the heavy industrial and commercial use of trade, professional and general directories, it is often surprisingly difficult to find a copy of a directory with the right combination of subject and country coverage to answer a particular enquiry. Reference guides such as *Current British Directories* and its stablemates from CBD Research Ltd., the *International Bibliography of Trade Directories* and Croner's *Trade Directories of the World* may and often do suggest suitable titles but one is still left with the problem of finding copies to consult. At this stage *BUCOP* may suggest a location but the prospects of success are not high and as a last resort it may be necessary to ring round libraries with large collections of directories to see if copies are held there.

To make life a little easier for directory users, consideration is being given to compiling a Union List of Directories covering all UK and foreign, trade, professional and general directories and other literature containing useful directory sections held by major UK libraries. The details of how this might be done have not yet been fully worked out but a readily updated computer-based listing with annual or bi-annual printouts in book format is envisaged. Separate lists of the holdings of each of the contributing libraries would also be possible. If members of AEBIG or indeed any readers of AEBIG News have views, favourable or otherwise, on this proposal, we should be glad to hear them. Comments, preferably by letter, to Megan Thomas (address as above).

Statistics on Microfiche

With Companies House establishing the use of microfiche among the business community as something quite usual, it is interesting to note one or two other recent developments concerning the more general use of this handy, cheap and convenient source of business information.

Statistics are beginning to appear in this form. At SMIL the OECD series of Statistics on microfiche are, we are told, already fairly intensively used. SMIL are also taking the Canadian trade statistics in microfiches, and although these are no different to the printed statistics they arrive in the library far more quickly. Also to become available at SMIL shortly will be certain of the detailed United States trade analyses on fiche. Readers might like to be reminded, in the context of US statistics on fiche, that the whole of the American Statistics Index service fiche, are available on loan from BLLD. Finally, another consumer of footage on library shelves, the EEC *Official Journal,* is to become available on fiche or 16mm or 35mm film.

EEC Commission Bibliography

The London Office of the EEC Commission has published a selective bibliography of works on the origin, history and development of the European community. '*The European community – A brief reading-list*' is available free from the Commission of the European Communities, 20 Kensington Palace Gardens, London W8 4QQ. Tel: 727 8090.

EEC Documents & The London Gazette

The Minister of State at the Foreign Office announced in reply to a Commons question on 2 February 1977 that lists of EEC documents are to be published regularly in the London Gazette, the official Government journal. This marks an effort to improve the arrangements for keeping the public abreast of Community developments.

Economic Outlook 1977–1980

The well-known London Business School quarterly economic forecasts, which have been published in the *Sunday Times* for the past ten years, are now to be available in an extended version in mimeographed bookform. The latest forecast *Economic Outlook 1977–1980,* by Alan Budd and Terry Burns may be obtained from the Centre for Economic Forecasting, London Business School, Sussex Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4SA, price £2.50 – remittance to be sent with order.

Contents of Current Journals-Europe

The library of the London Business School, following a review of their information resources on Europe and the on going problems involved in helping people in the School to know about the flow of information into the Library, have started *Contents of Current Journals-Europe.* This publication covers only those journals which are specifically concerned with European business and economic affairs. The value of this experimental service will be reviewed in the summer. Non-members of the School may subscribe to the series for six months at a cost of £2 or £2.50 including postage.

News

Norbert Wiener Awards

The International Journal of Cybernetics and General Systems, *Kybernetes*, is establishing an annual award consisting of three prizes: (500, 300 and 200 U.S. dollars) to be made in respect of essays devoted to a given topic. This competition is organized in honour of the founder of cybernetics, Dr Norbert Wiener. The submitted essays will be reviewed by an independent small committee of scientists of world renown and the prizes presented at a formal gathering. Assistance with travelling expenses to attend the presentation may be available to winners of the competition.

The subject of the 1977 Competition is: *'Cybernetics and General Systems – a Unitary Science?'* Enquiries and manuscripts to: Dr J. Rose, Editor, Kybernetes, c/o College of Technology, Feilden Street, Blackburn BB2 1LH, England, Tel: 0254–64321.

On-Line Bibliographic Information Retrieval: how to get started

Organised by The British Computer Society (Information Retrieval Group) and The Institute of Information Scientists (Northern Branch), this meeting will be held on 18 May in Manchester. Details from: Dr P. W. Williams, Computational Department, University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, PO Box 88, Manchester, M60 1QD. Tel: 061 236 3311.

Arab-British Centre

The purpose of the Centre is to do for Anglo/Arab relations what Canning House has done and is still doing so admirably for Anglo/Latin-American relations. The Centre is run by a non-profitmaking, registered Company known as the 'Arab-British Centre Limited'. Its Articles of Association express the purpose of the Centre in these terms –

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It is the intention of the Directors that the Centre's activities should embrace all aspects of Arab-British relations, economic, cultural and political. It will, they hope, be used by business firms *inter alia* as a meeting place and for receptions involving their Arab interests, commercial, cultural and social, and their Arab clients. It will from time to time arrange talks or hold seminars covering economic activity and development in the Arab World. There will also be a reference library, which will cover economic and related matters in the Arab World and will be available to members of the public or small firms who are not in a position to pay the relatively high fees charged by Trade Associations, etc. The Centre will not, however, be in a position to undertake commercial surveys or arrange agencies or indulge in trade promotion in the manner of a chamber of commerce or trade association.

For further information write to the Arab-British Centre, 21 Collingham Road, London SW5 0NU.

CONFERENCE

International Conference on Birth Defects in Canada, sponsored by the National Foundation – March of Dimes, the well-known American voluntary health organization, the 'Fifth International Conference on Birth Defects' will be held in the Queen Elizabeth Hotel, Montreal, Canada, from 21–27 August, 1977. In seven plenary sessions, seven workshops, two short courses and a number of free paper sessions some 35 invitied and approximately 300 free papers will be presented by physicians, surgeons, geneticists and other specialists from different parts of the world. 'Birth Defects – 1977' is the general theme of the Conference; 'Priorities for Research on Birth Defects' is the title of the keynote address to be given by Dr Barton Childs of the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. General Chairman of the Conference is Dr John W. Littlefield of the Johns Hopkins Hospital; Vice-Chairman is Dr Jean de Grouchy of the Hôpital des Enfants Malades in Paris. For a complete program of the Fifth International Conference on Birth Defects, please apply to the Secretariat, c/ Holland Organizing Centre, 16, Lange Voorhout, The Hague, the Netherlands.

The 7th IATUL Conference – A call for participants and contributions. The conference will be held at Louvain, Belgium, from 16–20 May, 1977. The theme will be: *'Developing Library Effectiveness for the Next Decade'*.

We aim at bringing together people with a practical outlook and of different speciality within the library profession, who have in common a concern for the efficiency and effectiveness of library operations and who would like to fit in these operations in the larger system they serve, i.e. the library, the university, the local scientific community or the even larger national and international information networks. The conference which will take the form of a workshop has been designed in such a way that all participants may derive from it maximum profit as a large proportion of the meeting time will as usual be spent on discussion and personal interviews. We will dwell on questions determined by the present day stringencies with their ensuing financial and labour difficulties. After a few explanatory papers on the nature of to-day's

library problems and the contributions that the newer sciences and management techniques can offer to solve these problems, we wish to spend the maximum of our time to the application of these techniques and methods to specific fields; acquisition, cataloguing, circulation, user services; or problems: centralisation/decentralisation, co-operative schemes, user education.

The Board of IATUL invites contributions in particular from those parties who are experiencing difficulties in streamlining operations, who do research or even better who have succeeded in upgrading the library's efficiency on a smaller or larger field or scale. Any member interested in giving a full paper or a short report is welcome to submit this to the Board. He or she should write in the first instance to the Hon. Secretary, Mr W. Dehennin, Director of libraries of the Katholieke Universiteit, Mgr.Ladeuzeplein 21, Leuven, who will arrange for the inclusion of the free communications in the programme.

CONGRESS

The Netherlands Society of Neurology has pleasure in announcing the **11th World Congress of Neurology**, which will be held in Amsterdam from 11–16 September, 1977. The four main themes of the Congress, selected during the meeting of the WFN National Delegates are: Neuromuscular disorders, Neuro-immunology, Disturbances of conciousness and cognition, Geographic factors in neurology.

Thirty four speakers have been invited, all internationally acknowledged experts in these fields to present a mosaic of pertinent contributions. These will be published in the Congress Proceedings. The Scientific Committee welcomes abstracts of original work to be presented during Free Communication Sessions. These abstracts will be published in the Excerpta Medica International Congress Series.

Satellite Sessions of the following organizations will be accommodated during the Congress: the Multiple Sclerosis Society, the Parkinson Foundation, under the auspices of the WFN Section of the Research Committee on Extrapyramidal Disease, the WFN Headache Society, the Fulton Society. Furthermore, a joint session with the International League against Epilepsy will be held.

For further detailed information, please apply to the Secretariat, c/ Holland Organizing Centre, 16, Lange Voorhout, The Hague, the Netherlands.

World Organisation of General Systems and Cybernetics – A call for papers. The Fourth International Congress of Cybernetics and Systems will be held in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, from 21–25 August, 1978. This triennial event is supported by many international bodies concerned with management, labour, the sciences, computers, cybernetics, systems and technology. The Congress will comprise three half-day symposia (Social Systems; Computer Privacy; Robots) and seven section meetings (Artificial Intelligence; Cybernetics of Economic Systems and Management; Industrial Cybernetics, including Automation; Informatics and Education; Neuro- and Bio-Cybernetics; Social Systems; Systems and Models, including environmental problems). Moreover, there will be an Open Forum concerned with 'Science and Society' (with emphasis on cybernetic aspects). It is possible that other meetings will also be held in the context of the Congress as fringe activities.

Papers at the Symposia and Open Forum will be by special invitation. On the other hand, **papers will be considered by authors of any country for inclusion in the programme for the seven sections.** Further information is available from The General Organiser: Dr J. Rose, c/o College of Technology, Blackburn BB2 1LH, Lancashire, England. Tel: 0254 64321.

It is hoped to publish either the abridged or full-scale papers in the form of a book; in the case of abridged papers, the book will be available at the Congress. An International Exhibition of Automation will also be held in the context of the Congress.

COURSES

Using the new Bliss Classification. A one-day demonstration seminar will be held at the School of Librarianship, the Polytechnic of North London, on Saturday, 25 June, 1977, to introduce the new Bliss Classification, the product of a major research project at the School, to practising librarians and information officers. An explanation of the nature and working of the new Bliss Classification will be followed by a session in which those attending will participate in practical work using the scheme. The subject classes demonstrated will be Social Welfare and Education primarily. The Course Organiser is Jack Mills.

Further details from The Secretary, School of Librarianship, Polytechnic of North London, 207–225 Essex Road, London N1 3PN.

Another look at on-line retrieval: the user's viewpoint. In view of the demand for places on the course held on 3rd November, 1976, the Library Association and the Institute of Information Scientists have decided to join forces again to put on another course on 'On-line retrieval: the user's viewpoint'. This will be held at the Library Association's headquarters on 25th May. The chair will once again be taken by Alex Tomberg from the Netherlands (Vice-Chairman of EUSIDIC) and the speakers will include Dr P. J. Holmes (British Library Research & Development Department) and Mrs S. Johnson (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food). The objective is, as before, to analyse and discuss on-line reference retrieval from the standpoint of information scientists and librarians using available (and prospective) services. A number of case studies will be presented allowing time for discussion thereon and it is hoped that this will allow the delegates an insight into the experience of librarians and information scientists who have tested and evaluated on-line reference retrieval – mainly in the context of their use in industrial information services and special libraries.

The course costs £20 plus VAT for members of the Library Association, the Institute of Information Scientists or Aslib; £30 inc VAT for others. Programmes and application forms from the Conference Secretary, Library Association, 7 Ridgemount Street, London WC1E 7AE (01–636 7543).

Fifth International Graduate Summer School for Librarians 1977. A fifth annual International Graduate Summer School will be held at the College of Librarianship Wales, this year from 4 July–27 August. The School will be organised jointly by the College and the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences.

The aim of the Summer School is to provide education and training in a variety of professional subjects pertinent to modern librarianship. It reflects the strong international concern of its two sponsoring institutions for the professional education of graduate students and it is also designed to provide refresher courses and up-dating courses for working librarians. Since its inception in 1973, the Summer School has attracted participants from over forty countries and it is expected that this year at least sixty students will assemble in Aberystwyth on 4th July. The eight weeks of the School will consist largely of lectures and seminars at Aberystwyth but there will be a mid-term break of approximately ten days when students will be taken on a guided study tour of major British libraries and cultural centres.

While the Summer School will provide options from the whole range of librarianship, children's librarians and teachers will find one paper of particular relevance. '*International Aspects of Children's Literature*' will examine the trends towards international sharing of children's books and the problems encountered in writing, illustrating, translating, publishing and marketing them.

Among other courses to be offered, some are new to the Summer School: '*Statistical Analysis in Librarianship and Information Science*' will deal with problems of performance measurement, user requirements, bibliometrics, operations planning and research; '*Public Relations in Librarianship*' will be taught by a Swedish expert; '*Communications and the Mass Media*' will examine the communications role and responsibilities of libraries; '*Design and Evaluation of Information Retrieval Systems*' is intended to establish a methodology for practical, objective and cost-conscious procedures in this area; '*Libraries and Literacy*', together with '*Libraries in Higher Education*' will tackle problems at their respective ends of the educational spectrum in a practical, problem-based manner.

Other courses will be available, as in previous years, including '*Media Technology*', '*Special libraries and information services*', '*The Computer and the Library*' and '*International and Comparative Librarianship*'. It is usual for each student to take two courses: a third course may be taken in certain circumstances by prior consultation and permission.

For North American graduates in particular, participation in IGSS represents an opportunity to enhance their professional education, since success in *each* course is accepted for 3 credits, i.e. 3 semester hours towards an MLS or similar qualification in many North American University schools of librarianship and information science.

The comprehensive fee, which includes all tuition expenses for up to two courses, all meals and accommodation in College, and accommodation, chartered bus and most meals on the guided tour, is £560 (pounds sterling). The British Council is funding a range of scholarships for librarians from developing countries and IGSS students may apply for the Lancour Scholarship – inquiries about this should be made to Dr Frank Sessa, Executive Secretary, Beta Phi Mu, 135, Bellefield Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15260, USA.

A brochure describing the International Graduate Summer School is available from: The Director, IGSS 1977, College of Librarianship Wales, Llanbadarn Fawr, ABERYSTWYTH, Dyfed, SY23 3AS, Wales, Great Britain. Tel: Aberystwyth (0970) 3181. Telex: 35391 (CLW Aberystwyth).

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Exhibition of New Reference Books and Business Titles – between 18 April and 6 May the Business School Bookshop and Alan Armstrong and Associates Limited will stage the third of their six monthly exhibitions of new reference books and business titles. The display is to be toured to ten business centres in England and Scotland and will cover directories, reference books, special reports, forecasts and monographs published between November 1976 and April 1977. A total participation of over 200 publishers is anticipated, with between 300 and 1000 new titles on display. Entrance is free, anyone interested is welcome and an exhibition catalogue giving full details of all publications will be available. Details of the tour are as follows:

London	– April 18, 19, 20. London Business School
Herts	– April 21. Ashridge Management College, Berkhamstead
Berks	– April 22. Administrative Staff College, Henley on Thames
Sheffield	– April 25, 26. Sheffield City Polytechnic
Edinburgh	– April 27, 28. Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce
Glasgow	– April 29. Strathclyde Business School
Manchester	– May 2, 3. Manchester Business School
Liverpool	– May 4. Merseyside Chamber of Commerce
Birmingham	– May 5. City of Birmingham Polytechnic
Bristol	– May 6. Imperial Group Management Centre, Bedminster.

The exhibition enables company librarians and businessmen to keep abreast of all the new publications in their field and to browse through those expensive reports not normally available on approval. All enquiries should be addressed to Nigel Oxbrow, Business School Bookshop, Sussex Place, Regent's Park, London NW1. Tel: 01 262 5050 ext 339.

MEETING

A Joint Meeting by the Geological Information Group and Earth Science Education Methods Group, will be held on 9 May, 1977, at the Geological Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London. The meeting will commence at 2 p.m. The topic is '*Good Practice in Visual Aids*'.

Two lectures by experienced practitioners in the use of visual aids will be given with many examples of good and bad practice. Miss Nita Spektorov of the University of Surrey Audio-Visual Aids Unit and Mr Tim Long of the Training Department at the National Audio-Visual Aids Centre, London, NW6, will speak on and provide exhibits of equipment and techniques. This is a good opportunity for all who use slides, overhead projectors etc. to learn how to make the most effective use of visual aids. If there is sufficient demand, it is our intention to organise two sessions at the Institute of Educational Technology, University of Surrey on 16 May, on an Introduction of various Audio-Visual Aids. These workshops will be run by Mr S. O'Connell and there will be a small fee for participants. Anyone interested in attending one of these workshops should contact Dr W. E. G. Taylor, Luton College.

SYMPOSIUM

ISATA 77 International Symposium on Automotive Technology & Automation is to be held at Wolfsburg, West Germany, 12–15 September, 1977. The 1977 ISATA symposium will be held in Wolfsburg, West

SPORTS COUNCIL

Applications are invited from qualified specialists in information science/ systems analysis for the post of assistant in the Information Centre, which is concerned with planning and provision for sport and recreation at national level.

Duties would include work on data collections and some general service in helping with enquiries. The post is initially on a two year contract basis.

Salary £2395 rising to £2545 on completion of one year. Plus £465 London Weighting.

Further particulars and application form from: Personnel Officer, The Sports Council, 70 Brompton Road, London SW3 1EX.

Closing date: 1 April 1977.

Germany, in collaboration with Volkswagenwerk AG and the City of Wolfsburg. This has been specially arranged to allow delegates the opportunity of also visiting the Frankfurt Motor Show, which takes place during the period September 15th–25th, during their visit to Germany. The symposium will be held in the Congress Centre at Wolfsburg where technical sessions will take place from the 12th to the 14th. Papers will cover the whole range of automotive technology and automation including automation of manufacturing processes, component testing, testing for development, production testing and diagnostics, quality control, emissions, lubricant testing, fuel economy, dealer diagnostics and safety and on-board computer systems. Both off and on-highway vehicles will be covered.

The last day of the symposium, September 15th is set aside for technical visits to the Volkswagen Research and Technical Centre and production facilities.

A special hall is being set aside for static exhibitions and car manufacturers and suppliers of equipment to the automotive industry should contact the organisers as soon as possible to reserve space.

There will also be a Ladies' Programme organised for delegates' wives with visits to local places of interest, in particular medieval cities in the Harz Mountains. Delegates will get the chance to meet socially at a banquet at Wolfsburg Castle and a full social programme for the other evenings is being organised for the delegates.

Prospective authors wishing to give papers at the symposium should submit the title and a short synopsis of 100/150 words to the organisers by 31st March 1977 at the latest. The full manuscripts must be received by 30th June 1977 for printing. The organisers are making arrangements with the Wolfsburg Holiday Inn for favourable terms for accomodation and delegates should book their rooms directly with the Holiday Inn, Wolfsburg.

Symposium Organisers Automotive Automation Limited with the collaboration of Wolkswagenwerk AG and the City of Wolfsburg. All correspondence to Secretariat, ISATA, 42 Lloyd Park Avenue, Croydon CR0 5SB. ENGLAND. Tel: 01–688 2719/01–686 7010. Telex Number 28905 London Monoref.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Politics and Public Libraries in England and Wales 1850–1970 by former Chairman of the Social Sciences Group, John Pemberton (Librarian of the University College at Buckingham) has been published by the Library Association as one of its centenary volumes (£4.50; £3.60 to LA members). It is the first full length study of the political forces surrounding public library legislation and includes a chapter on the political role of the Library Association itself. After a brief survey of early public library legislation and an examination of the agitation for reform which began with the Kenyon Report of 1927 the major part of the work is taken up with a description and analysis of the genesis, provisions and immediate effects of the Public Libraries and Museums Act of 1964 and the influence thereon of the political lobby.

Foreign Trade Market Place. A Major Guide to International Commerce. Foreign trade is a complicated, vital field in which information is the key to success. It is a convenient handbook and directory that will be in constant use by librarians, merchants, manufacturers, government officials, and others actively engaged in the world's $140 billion international trade. The new book is a subject-classified directory to nearly 5,000 companies, consultants, and other organizations involved in foreign commerce, and a functional handbook offering practical guidance in developing a foreign trade strategy. It will be published by Gale Research Co. in March 1977, and is priced at $48. The work is divided into two main parts. Part one, 'Developing a Foreign Trade Strategy', contains seven chapters offering practical guidance in such areas as: Selling to Foreign Markets; Financing Exports and Imports; Standards and Procedures in Conducting Trade; and Special Markets. Part two contains 35 directory-style chapters grouped in five major categories: Commercial Activities: Export-Import; Governmental and Organizational Activities; Media, Promotion, and Information Activities; Procedures; and Transportation, Trade Zones, and Communications. Nearly 5,000 companies, consultants, commercial organizations, associations, and government agencies are listed in these wide-ranging directories. Some of these lists have never before been published, having been obtained from the data banks of governmental and trade associations.

Unidentified Flying Objects: A Selected Bibliography, provides a list of bibliographies, books, journal articles and proceedings for the general reader on the subject of UFOs. The works cited range from such firsthand accounts as *My Trip to Mars* by William Ferguson to the *Final Report of the Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects,* commonly known as the Condon report or Project Bluebook report. The bibliography provides selective coverage of the UFO literature that has appeared since 1969, when the U.S. Air Forces published Lynn Catoe's comprehensive *UFO's and Related Subjects.* The 200 references in the Library of Congress bibliography are limited to English-language works, but do include translations and materials published abroad. The bibliography was compiled by Kay Rodgers of the Library of Congress Science and Technology Division. It is available free from the Library of Congress, Science and Technology Division, Washington, D.C. 20540.

Stock Exchange Official Year Book has just been published by Thomas Skinner Directories. Also available is a companion volume, the *Register of Defunct and Other Companies.* The Year Book lists all the official securities, British and foreign, quoted on UK stock exchanges. Information on share and loan capital, names of officials and a resume of recent history, including a financial analysis, is given for each entry. The 1976–77 edition runs to over 2,400 pages and covers all categories of securities, from Banks to Breweries, from Unit Trusts to Tramways. A list showing parent companies and their principal subsidiaries is also included, as are articles on the development and operation of Capital Transfer Tax, Double Taxation relief and similar fiscal matters.

The companion publication, the Register of Defunct Companies, lists some 24,000 companies which have been removed (on grounds of liquidation, dissolution etc) from succeeding issues of the Stock Exchange Year Book. Details are included of those firms dissolved under the various Nationalisation Acts.

The two publications are available, price £27 post free, for the Stock Exchange Official Year Book and £5 post free for the Register of Defunct and Other Companies, from Thomas Skinner Directories Limited, Stuart House, Perrymount Road, Haywards Heath, Sussex; tel: 0444 59188.

Bibliography of Bioethics, modern medical research has helped delay death and even changed its definition. Now mankind – with the power of life and death resting heavily in its hands – has some serious questions to answer. Who should live? Is euthanasia justified? Is it ethical to use prison inmates for medical experimentation? What about the confidentiality of patients' medical records, involuntary sterilization, the cost of health care? It is important to know these questions and the informed answers that are being developed.

The *Bibliography of Bioethics* identifies both and refers its users to over 800 documents for further study. Published by Gale Research Co. Book Tower, Detroit, Michigan 48226, the *Bibliography of Bioethics* is edited by Dr LeRoy Walters, Director of the Center for Bioethics, Kennedy Institute, Georgetown University. Volume 2 (282 pp.) will be ready in March 1977 and is priced at $24.

Volume 2 covers English-language materials that appeared in 1974 (Volume 1 covers 1973). It identifies the central issues in bioethics and is arranged specifically to help standardize the terminology of bioethics. Bibliographic descriptions of over 800 sources, journals and newspapers, articles, essays in books, monographs, court decisions, state and Federal laws, bills, and audiotapes are arranged by subject with subtopics of narrowing scope (e.g., 'abortion/fathers/rights'). Also included is a 'thesaurus' which translates the user's concepts (e.g., 'disadvantaged', 'sanctity of life') into the searchable terms that are the book's index language.

In *Aslib Information*, January 1977, the price of the *European Business School Librarians Publications* 1 and 2 was unclear. The price is £2.50 (UK) or £3 (overseas) for the two publications, not each.

The Concrete Society Members' Directory – a new directory of members of the Concrete Society has been published. The 142 page Directory lists names and addresses of all members of the Society in the United Kingdom, including those nominated by Group Members, but excluding Associate and Affiliated Members. The Group Members' section provides the names and addresses of their principal offices. Copies of the Directory are available, at a cost of £3.50 to members and £5.00 to non-members, from The Concrete Society, Terminal House, 52 Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1.

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Bibliographies

In response to the entry in *Aslib Information* July 1974, and further to the lists given in recent issues, we have received the following bibliographies, which are available direct from the issuing organizations. **Please give full details when ordering** — the Bibliography number alone is not sufficient to enable the publishing organization to identify the item.

Bibl—587
Birkbeck College Library.
Handlist of books by and about Albert Camus in the College Library. 1975. 8 pages. Library publication no. 56.
Available from: The Library, Birkbeck College, Malet Street, WC1E 7HX.

Bibl—588
Birkbeck College Library.
Handlist of books by and about Marcel Proust in the College Library. 1975. 13 pages. Library publication no. 55. £0.25.
Available from: The Library, Birkbeck College, Malet Street, WC1E 7HX.

Bibl—589
Birkbeck College Library.
Handlist of works by and about Andre Malraux in the College Library. 1975. 4 pages. Library publication no. 58.
Available from: Birkbeck College Library, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HX.

Bibl—590
Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.
Annotated bibliography on photoperiodic control of flowering in lettuce 1965—1974. 1975. 13 refs.
Query File No. 30/75.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, East Malling, Maidstone, Kent.

Bibl—591
Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.
Annotated bibliography on root temperatures and plant growth 1967—1974. 1975. 68 refs.
Query File No. 29/75.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, East Malling, Maidstone, Kent.

Bibl—592
Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.
Annotated bibliography on storage of onions 1970—1974. 1975. 57 refs. Query File No. 31/75 — 6420
Supplementing Q.F. 6033(S), 5674(S) and 4938.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, East Malling, Maidstone, Kent.

Bibl—593
Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.
Annotated bibliography on the storage of celery 1970—1974. 1975. 19 refs. Query File No. 32/75 — 6421
Supplementing Q.F. 5675(S).
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, East Malling, Maidstone, Kent.

Bibl—594
Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.
Annotated bibliography on the storage of root vegetables (beetroot, parsnips, radishes, swedes, turnips) 1968—1974. 1975. 31 refs. Query File No. 33/75 — 6422.
Supplementing Q.F. 5673(S).
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, East Malling, Maidstone, Kent.

Bibl—595
Department of the Environment. Property Services Agency. Library Service.
Landscape the space around buildings: an annotated bibliography. 1975. 49 pages. £2.00.
Available from: Sales Office, Property Services Agency Library Service, Room 018, Lambeth Bridge House, London, SE1 7SB.

Bibl—596
Department of the Environment Library.
Recreation and tourist resources: capacity and measurement. 1975. 27 pages. Bibliography No. 182.
Available from: Department of the Environment Library, 2 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 3EB.

Bibl—597
Department of the Environment Library.
United Kingdom transport organisations; a select list. 1975. 153 entries. LIB/INF/14/I.
Available from: Department of the Environment Library, 2 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 3EB.

Bibl—598
Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Overseas Development Administration. Land Resources Division. Information/ Library Units.
Bahamas. 1971. 74 pages. Land Resource Bibliography No. 1. A charge will be made for postage and handling.
Available from: Information/Library Units, Land Resources Division, Tolworth Tower, Surbiton, Surrey, KT6 7DY.

Bibl—599
Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Overseas Development Administration. Land Resources Division. Information/ Library Units.
Belize (British Honduras). 1973. 92 pages. Land Resource Bibliography No. 3. A charge will be made for postage and handling.
Available from: Information/Library Units, Land Resources Division, Tolworth Tower, Surbiton, Surrey, KT6 7DY.

Bibl—600
Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Overseas Development Administration. Land Resources Division. Information/ Library Units.
Fiji. 1973. 138 pages. Land Resource Bibliography No. 4. A charge will be made for postage and handling.
Available from: Information/Library Units, Land Resources Division, Tolworth Tower, Surbiton, Surrey, KT6 7DY.

Bibl—601
Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Overseas Development Administration. Land Resources Division. Information/ Library Units.
New Hebrides and New Caledonia. 1974. 84 pages. Land Resource Bibliography No. 5. A charge will be made for postage and handling.
Available from: Information/Library Units, Land Resources Division, Tolworth Tower, Surbiton, Surrey, KT6 7DY.

Bibl—602
Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Overseas Development Administration. Land Resources Division. Information/ Library Units.
Nigeria. Volume 1: agriculture, animal science, crop science and forestry. 1971. 104 pages. Land Resource Bibliography No. 2. A charge will be made for postage and handling.
Available from: Information/Library Units, Land Resources Division, Tolworth Tower, Surbiton, Surrey, KT6 7DY.

Bibl—603
Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Overseas Development Administration. Land Resources Division. Information/ Library Units.
Nigeria: Volume 2: botany, climatology, geoscience, natural resources, soil science, water resources and zoology. 1971. 112 pages. Land Resource Bibliography No. 2. A charge will be made for postage and handling.
Available from: Information/Library Units, Land Resources Division, Tolworth Tower, Surbiton, Surrey, KT6 7DY.

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Okon, E. B.	–	Nigeria	
Tait, Miss F.	–	London	
Vincent, Mrs V.	–	France	

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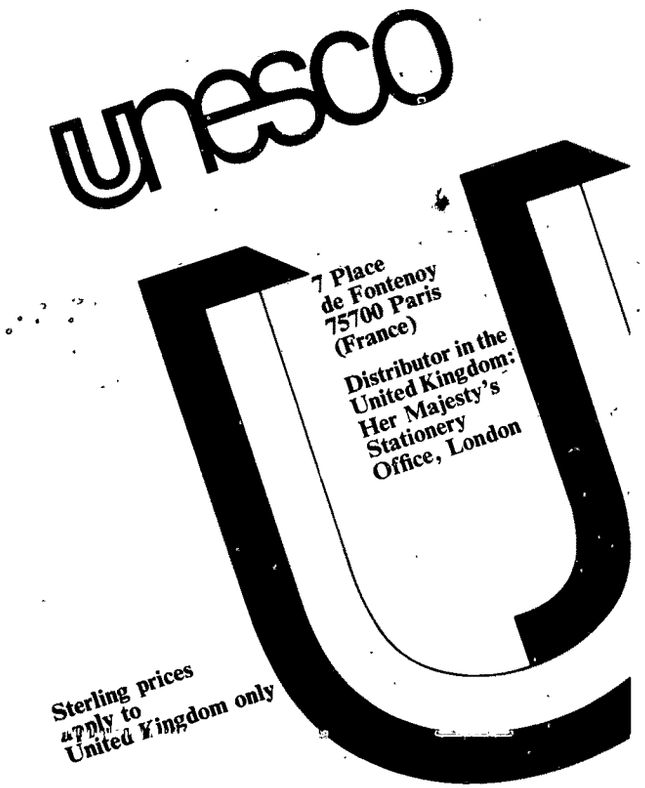

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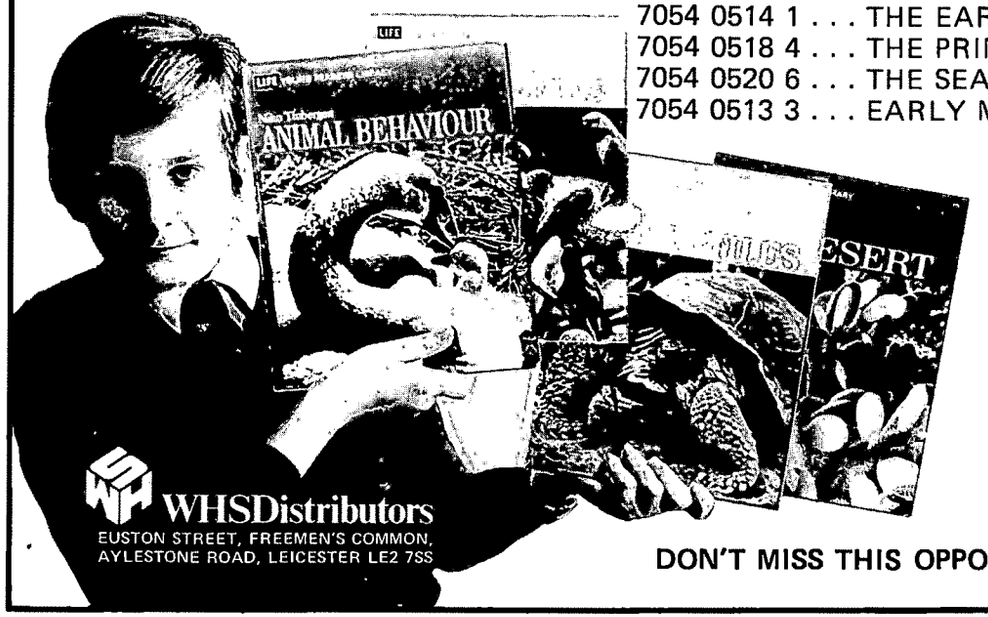

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25 Fri 15.00 — Technical Translation Group meeting and talk by Joan Matthews
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Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
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*13 Fri 16.00 and 17.00 — Technical Translation Group Annual General Meeting and Sherry Party
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Contact: Mrs E. Bowden, Foreign Languages Services, UASC/22 Shell Centre, London SE1 7NA

APRIL

11/13 Tues/Thur — EURIM 3: a European conference on the contribution of users to planning and policy making for information systems and networks
Munich-Sheraton Hotel, Munich
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Details later

SEPTEMBER

19/22 Tue/Fri — Aslib 52nd Annual Conference, University of Edinburgh
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Aslib Activities

HEADQUARTERS

Aslib 51st Annual Conference

20–23 September 1977, University of Lancaster

'Information resources in the United Kingdom – their contribution to a national information system' is the theme of Aslib's 51st Annual Conference, to be held from 20–23 September 1977, at the University of Lancaster.

In four main sessions and ranging widely over resources funded publicly and commercially, in institutions, learned societies, research associations and industry, with a critical eye on their co-ordination (or otherwise) from the point of view of the most effective use of this valuable national asset, it is hoped that the programme will engender many ideas and some controversy. Speakers will include R. G. Charlesworth, Devon County Librarian; Peter Judge, CSIRO, Australia; Dr Carlos Cuadra, System Development Corporation, Santa Monica; M. Hyams, Derwent Publications; John Pickup, Albright and Wilson Ltd; R. J. Millson, Engineering synopses, University of Bath; A. B. Davey and R. J. MacLachlan, RAPRA; Professor J. B. Wilkinson, Unilever Research Ltd. With the question implicit throughout – is there the germ of a national plan here? Ought there to be? A. F. Trezza, National Commission on Libraries and Information Services, Washington and Gordon Wright, Toronto University, have been invited to describe their respective countries' experience in trying to implement a national programme for library and information services and in a final discussion Dr D. J. Urquhart will help to crystallise the questions that this conference has been asking and the areas where solutions might actively be sought.

An important feature of the conference will be the exhibition, arranged with the collaboration of the Aslib Information Industry Group. Staged in the Nuffield Theatre Studio adjoining the hall where sessions will be held, the accommodation and facilities are excellent and it will be a focal point of all conference activity. The Lancaster neighbourhood provides a number of excursions of professional and more general interest: to ancient Cartmel Priory and Holker Hall; to the makers of Kraft paper, Henry Cooke Limited at Waterhouse Mills; the Steamtown Railway Museum at Carnforth; Leighton Moss Bird Reserve; as well as the opportunity to visit Lancaster University Library with the Media Services Unit and Department of Engineering.

The advance programme of the conference and prospectus and booking form for the exhibition were distributed in March and further copies and information can be obtained from the Conference Organiser, Aslib, Belgrave Square, London SWIX 8PL.

Interacting with users for effective information use: a seminar

2 June 1977 at Aslib

A leaflet describing this seminar, with an application form, accompanies this issue of *Aslib Information.* Intended for information workers in industry, the institutions and training boards, government and local government, its object is to look at the interaction between information services and users and try to suggest how this can be fostered to increase the effectiveness of information use. The initiative for such interaction rests mainly with information staff; on the practical level this can take the form of seeking out new users, the study of user needs, keeping in touch, feedback, learning processes both formal and informal and these will be studied with the emphasis on how the interaction that both stimulates such initiatives and takes place during them can be improved.

Conducting the seminar, Elizabeth Orna and Alan Richens of the Engineering Industry Training Board and Dr Malcolm Stevenson, University of Leeds Library, will aim to create a real learning situation, giving insight into areas within an organisation where interaction might be established and suggesting attitudes that will recognise opportunities for sensing and meeting user needs. By demonstration and practical exercises participants will experience some of the techniques and methodology by which this important but subtle interaction with users can be created and improved. Seen as an experimental project, if the seminar is successful and attracts support, courses in this and allied subjects may be arranged in the future. Numbers will be limited to thirty and you are advised to apply promptly, to the Conference Organiser, Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London SWIX 8PL.

Aslib Tenth Annual Lecture

16 June 1977, Royal Institution of Great Britain, London W1

'Information: exploiting a national resource' is the title chosen by Lord Donaldson, Minister for the Arts, for his Aslib Lecture, to be delivered on Thursday, 16 June, at the Royal Institution of Great Britain.

The traditional boundaries of the library and information profession are, Lord Donaldson believes, challenged by the information requirements of the modern world. Technological developments and new approaches to information provision are leading to a redefinition of professional areas of concern and the present position will be examined in his Lecture and related to the part at present played by government in the provision of services and direction of resources.

At a time of economic restraint and limited financial resources, it is vitally important to maximise information resources to the mutual benefit of all concerned – government, industry and the community. Current problem areas for library and information services in industry and commerce cannot be solved by government action alone but the scope for solutions and the need for cooperation at all levels will be stressed.

Whether or not our present economic difficulties are overcome, the development of information services will continue to be bound up with economic and social factors. Speculation on future changes in the relationship between government and the information profession must have regard to the environment within which both of them will operate and to their respective roles in it.

Admission to the Lecture is by ticket, free of charge. A leaflet and application form was distributed in March. Apply for further information and for tickets to the Conference Organiser, Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London SWIX 8PL.

COMPUTER APPLICATIONS GROUP

Networks and their applications: a national and international review

1 June 1977, at the Geological Society of London, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1

The opportunity to gain an overall view of the network situation as it is today; of the services that are available; the possibilities for resource sharing that they open up and the way in which these services can be exploited by the user occurs at the Computer Applications Group conference on 1 June.

Professor B. C. Vickery will be in the chair and an introductory review of the application of networks to information systems and cataloguing support systems will be given by Dr Peter Leggate, Librarian Co-ordinator for Medical Library Services, Oxford Region. Experiences with large scale computer networks, including ARPANET, will then be described by Professor P. T. Kirstein, Head of Computer Systems, University College, London, while Alex Tomberg, Royal Dutch Shell and Vice-President of EUSIDIC, will talk about the co-ordination of networks in Europe, the role of EURONET and others. D. G. R. Buckle will describe BLCMP's proposed on-line services, encompassing catalogue support, acquisitions and ordering services, and Dr P. Holmes, British Library Bibliographic Services Division, will discuss the potential role of BLAISE in a national library network.

A programme leaflet and application form were distributed in March. Applications to attend (the demand is likely to be heavy, so do not delay) as well as requests for further information should be made to the Conference Organiser, Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London SWIX 8PL.

ASLIB INFORMATION INDUSTRY GROUP

Marketing Information Services — A Seminar

11 May 1977, at the Lecture Theatre, Sudbury House, Newgate Street, London EC2

As the April issue of *Aslib Information* is published, there is still time to apply to join this seminar, the first event to be organised on behalf of the Aslib Information Industry Group. It is intended to demonstrate the educational role the Group believes it can play by setting up seminars, discussion and study groups, where the informal exchange of ideas and some more formalized instruction may help members to improve their performance in various fields. The programme will range from a look at changes in the European scene and their impact on the market place to the practical problems of pricing information services, a look at a wide choice of sales methods, the effects on users of advertising and promotion, the problem of identifying and meeting users' needs, and an appraisal of technical and promotional literature based on case histories provided by members of the Group. Speakers include A. W. Cawkell, Director of Research, ISI Europe: Dr A. K. Kent, Director of UKCIS; R. M. Rostron and Geoffrey Hutton, Hutton & Rostron; J. H. Sergeant, Marketing Manager, Barbour Index Ltd; Dr J. A. Stanfield, PA International Management Consultants and Dr Christine Whitehead, London School of Economics. Time for questions and discussion will be allowed after each paper, so that a genuine learning situation can develop and the occasion will also provide an opportunity for potential members to hear about the ideas that have gone into the formation of the Aslib Information Industry Group, the programme which is evolving from discussion in the Group's Steering Committee and the ways in which the Group hopes to serve the information industry.

A programme leaflet of the seminar was distributed in March for this and if you wish to apply to take part, contact the Conference Organiser, Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London SWIX 8PL, Tel: 01 235 5050.

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Aslib Activities

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Dr Herbert Coblans

His many friends in Aslib and all over the world will have heard with sorrow of the death on 18 March, 1977, of Herbert Coblans, Managing Editor of the *Journal of Documentation* and one of the most widely known and respected authorities on scientific information and documentation. He had been in failing health during the last two years but courageously kept up his bibliographical and other interests, including his work for the journal, with barely diminished vigour right up to the time of his death. A South African by birth, he chose to live and work in Europe from 1954 onwards and spent the last thirteen years of his life with Aslib in London.

Coblans was born on 31 August, 1909, and graduated in Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics at the University of South Africa. His early work in chemistry secured for him a Croll scholarship which enabled him to pursue his studies in physical chemistry at the Universities of Munich and Berlin. Back in South Africa, he was appointed lecturer in chemistry in 1935 at the Engineering College of the Natal University College in Durban and became head of the chemistry department in 1943. His interest in the bibliographical aspects of the natural sciences led him to accept the offer of a Carnegie Library Fellowship in 1939, though it was not until ten years later after the war that he was free to take it up and visit Columbia University and other universities in the eastern states and Washington. Meanwhile, in 1946 he had been appointed Chief Librarian, with professorial status and with responsibility for the five libraries of the University in Durban and Pietermaritzburg.

Towards the end of his Carnegie Fellowship in the United States, he was invited to take charge of the library of Unesco in Paris, which he did during 18 months' leave of absence from the university. Two years later his services were again sought by Unesco, this time as a Unesco consultant in scientific documentation to the Brazilian Government in Rio de Janeiro. He then moved with his family to Europe and began the major task of creating a scientific information service at the headquarters of the European Centre for Nuclear Research (CERN) at Geneva. This he directed from 1954 until he joined the research staff of Aslib in 1964, primarily for work on computerized systems of scientific communication and subsequently to assume the editorship of the *Journal of Documentation*, to which he added the mark of his own international interests and experience. This latter task he continued after his retirement from the staff of Aslib in 1969.

Coblans was one of the few scientists – J. D. Bernal was another – for whom the systematic communication of scientific work was as important as the work itself. Many have paid lip service to the proposition; Coblans devoted the last thirty years of his life to its realisation – through his work for Aslib, through his membership of the National Commission for Unesco and his work for UNISIST and through the advice and encouragement for which he was constantly sought out by professional colleagues all over the world. His scholarly influence on the information world will long outlive him.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS TRAINING RESOURCE CENTRE

REQUIREMENT FOR

SENIOR STAFF

A new national resource centre is in the process of being established and its main aim is to help companies and other organisations provide improved training in industrial relations. It seeks to

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Head of Information Services

to establish and develop systems for collecting, classifying and disseminating information about industrial relations training: research sources, current practices, industrial relations training developments and information services.
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Initial salary according to age, experience and qualifications, within a scale £5705–£8510. Generous pension scheme and related benefits.
The Centre has been established by the Training Services Agency and Ashridge Management College on behalf of the Manpower Services Commission, and is located at Ashridge. For further details and an application form, please write to:

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Berkhamsted
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AEBIG News

Aslib Economic and Business Information Group

Please send all contributions for the page to: Megan Thomas, Information Officer, Gordian Consulting Services Ltd., The Pullman Kellogg Building, Stadium Way, Wembley, Middx, HA9 OEE. Tel: 01–903–8484. Our deadline date for each issue is the 20th of the preceding month.

Annual General Meeting

The Group's AGM will be held at 12 noon on Wednesday, 18 May at the Department of Librarianship, City of Birmingham Polytechnic, North Centre, Franchise Street, Perry Barr, Birmingham, B42 2SU.

Notices of resolutions to be brought before the Group at the AGM should be submitted to the Hon. Secretary Mrs. K. M. Morris, Information Officer, Hertis Industrial Services, The Hatfield Polytechnic, PO Box 110, Hatfield, Herts., by Wednesday 20 April.

The Group is reminded that the Committee for 1977–78 will take office upon announcement of its membership at the AGM. Nominations for the Committee, signed by two members and endorsed by the nominee should be with the Hon. Secretary by 20 April. A postal ballot will be held assuming there to be more than the required number of nominations (12) and the result announced at the AGM. Anyone interested in standing for election but without a nominator should contact any of this year's Committee members.

In accordance with the Group's constitution all the present Committee members are eligible for re-election but require individual nomination. None has missed more than one meeting of the Committee. Our chairman, having served the maximum of 3 years, will be resigning his office. A list of the members of the 1976–77 Committee appears in the front of the 1976 List of Members.

Finally, a reminder that the deadline for applications for the buffet lunch following the AGM is 4 May. Applications for tickets should be sent, together with a remittance of £4 (payable to AEBIG) to David Pygott, Hon. Treasurer Tel: 01–236–2040 at W. Greenwell & Co, Bow Bells House, Bread Street, London EC4.

AEBIG visit to Companies House, 17 March, 1977

Tucked away in a quiet corner of Cardiff, the spacious and peaceful new Companies House offers a distinct contrast to the City Road. Companies House at Cardiff has become mainly a production line: of the ten readers' seats provided only two were occupied while we were there and this was confirmed by a previous week's statistics that showed that while London has 37,342 searches, Cardiff has only 2,300. However, Cardiff has had to face its own problems. 80 per cent of its staff have been recruited locally since the move, many of them school-leavers without clerical experience. Moreover, the move was combined with a radical change in systems to microfilm and to terminal digit filing. We were shown around the storage area where original company documents lie, now practically undisturbed after their initial filming. We saw the filming and processing departments and the twenty-two carousels, served by conveyor belt, for storing master fiches from which local enquirers' copies are made. An identical fiche system operates in London but whereas Cardiff is almost always able to produce a copy within its target time of 15 minutes, London is still suffering from construction work and delays are frequent.

The Companies' Registrar, Mr. Nottage, talked about some of the innovations we can expect. A registered companies regularly updated master index to companies, giving their name and registration companies, regularly updated master index to companies, giving their name and registration for example Birmingham Reference Library. Proposals for microfiche-by-post are being considered, although Companies House will not re-enter the field of providing hard-copy information; this is to be left to the search agents. There is to be provision for altering City Road users to the deposit of new annual returns and accounts at Cardiff and there is already in existence a system for informing London within the hour of the deposit of new mortgage documents which can then be made available through photofacsimile transmission. The Registry is also using a computerised record system to chase up companies which are failing to make returns and the new Companies Act will require companies to deposit documents more quickly and in legible form.

A second talk, by Mr. Leake of Jordans and our questions to both speakers covered some of the problems caused to users by the changes. A major one is fiche quality. The problems caused by filming include documents filmed out of focus or incompletely and documents entered on the wrong fiche or split between fiches. Mr Leak suggested that as copies taken from the master fiche also varied in quality it was sometimes worth ordering a second copy. He also mentioned the discomfort of prolonged reading of microfilm and claimed that it took three times as long to do a full search from fiche as from the original files. He was sometimes blamed by clients because it took three weeks to get an accurate set of records at Companies House. Mr. Nottage replied that queries on documents at Companies House should be answered in five days! As 70 per cent of searches are made by agents and their clients prefer hard-copy reports, the agents are obviously the most stringent of Company House critics. However, Mr. Leake was sincere in his praise for the new era of consultation between Registrar and users which has developed in the recent years, in contrast to the period in which the decisions leading to the changes were made. AEBIG members may like to be reminded that guides to using the new system and to selecting microfiche readers are available from both branches of Companies House. There is also an article on the change-over to microfilm: Allwood, P. Putting the Companies Registration Office on microfilm. *Management Services in Government,* May 1975.

Christine Pratt, Librarian, Legal and General Assurance Society

News

THE INSTITUTE OF INFORMATION SCIENTISTS

Criteria for Information Science

Information Science is concerned with the science, art and practice of the provision of information, particularly, but not exclusively, in support of professional and academic work. To this end, it includes the study of information from its generation to its exploitation and of its transmission in a vaiety of forms through a variety of channels.

There are large areas of knowledge relevant to the study of Information Science, and the broad scope of the subject has resulted in the development of a variety of programmes of studies and of examinations, each with its distinctive contribution to offer. Under these circumstances, the Institute of Information Scientists, as a professional body concerned with recognition of the breadth and depth of knowledge and of the professional experience and competence to be expected of its members, has described Information Science in terms of the appended Criteria.

These Criteria are intended to provide a guide to topics which may usefully and justifiably be included in a course of instruction in Information Science. It would normally be expected that, for acceptance by the Institute for membership, a student will have a good knowledge of the topics covered by sections 1–6. Topics covered by sections 7–12 may be of value to an Information Scientist and therefore any of these may provide studies complementary to the core topics of sections 1–6.

Whilst for convenience and clarity the whole subject has been subdivided into sections, it is not intended that the sections should form self-contained divisions. On the contrary, appreciable flexibility is to be expected, as, for example, by the incorporation of topics from Research Methods in Management of Information, Data Processing in Organization of Information, etc.

Nor are the Criteria to be construed as exhaustive. There may be other specialized contributions which educational Institutions would consider could usefully be incorporated. For example, it is known that a specialized area of Information Science is growing out of Computer Science studies, and therefore a course may satisfactorily be based on Data Processing together with selective studies of all of sections 1–6, appropriately slanted. There are also likely to be developments in Information Science which, at present, are not foreseen and therefore the Criteria as set out below may be modified from time to time to reflect the Institute's appreciation of changes of emphasis or widening scope of the subject.

Criteria

Section 1 (Knowledge and its Communication) is concerned with the scientific and philosophical aspects of Information Science, whilst the rest is concerned with the 'technology' of Information Science from theoretical and practical points of view
1. Knowledge and its communication, 2. Sources of information, 3. Organisation of information, 4. Retrieval of information, 5. Dissemination of information, 6. Management of information, 7. Data processing, 8. Research methods, 9. Mathematics, 10. Linguistics, 11. Foreign languages, 12. Advanced information theory and practice.

This information was made available by I. S. Simpson, Chairman, Education Committee, Institute of Information Scientists from whom further particulars may be obtained.

The Challenge of Change, York, 1977

Together with some 150 delegates I attended the Eighth Conference of the Institute of Information Scientists at York University from 23rd–25th March, 1977. The title of the conference was 'The Challenge of Change' and the first three sessions posed the questions 'Where are we now?', 'Where are we going?', 'How can we cope?', while the fourth averred that 'It's all happening!' Peter Vickers presented the opening paper, a review of the evolution of information science and the Institute and Tom and Jean Aitchison looked at current developments from the viewpoints of the producer and the user. The problems involved in using patents as an information resource were demonstrated by Margaret Saunderson. Session 2 began with a paper on information for the Member of Parliament, with particular reference to the European Parliament, by Tony Reid, followed by Alan Gomersall's description of information provision for local government, as exemplified by the Greater London Council. Under the title 'Stepson of information science', John Gaylor recounted the setting up of an information service for commercial information, after which Mike Allen discussed the monitoring of social and legal pressures on business. The first two papers in Session 3, by Hilda Thornton and John Smurfitt respectively, looked at the economic viability of small industrial libraries and Robin Clough assessed the cost effectiveness of purchased services. Ivan Page read a paper by Brian Yates to show that 'It's all happening' in the Australian information scene. Nico Hulsman studied the role of the information scientist as an intermediary in on-line systems and Michael Hill concluded the papers with a review of the British Library's contribution to information and library networks.

The campus at York University was an attractive venue, the central lake and fountain finally looking their best when the sun shone on Friday. All the conference activites took place within Goodricke College and the efficient organization deserves high praise. The availability of pre-prints of the papers and the labelling of the document wallets were particularly good points. The programme of visits offered wide scope, including the British Library Lending Division at Boston Spa, York Minster and its library, York University Library and the Borthwick Institute of Historical Records, the National Railway Museum and Rowntree Mackintosh Ltd. The innovation of holding the conference dinner on the first evening proved a successful way of melting the

ice, although leaving some delegates rather frail even earlier in the proceedings than usual! All in all, the spirit of the conference was optimistic and enthusiastic and gave the impression that the Institute and its members look forward with confidence to playing their part in the future development of information science.

Valerie Gilbert,
Aslib Librarian.

Wolverhampton's Academic 'Power House'

The recently opened new library building will give Wolverhampton students (whether actually at the Polytechnic or not) the finest academic 'power house' this side of Birmingham. With a total floor area of 4,200 square metres, the new four-storey building is four times larger than the former library and provides 750 reader/study places with staff subject advisers assigned to each floor. The building has of course been designed to provide for the anticipated long-term needs of the Polytechnic and neighbouring colleges. The library's present stock of 70,000 volumes is planned to grow to 200,000 and the Polytechnic full-time student numbers are expected to rise to 4,600 by 1981.

For further information please contact: Mrs Mary Walkins, Information Officer, The Polytechnic, Wolverhampton WV1 1LY. Tel. 0902/27371/28521 Ext 29.

University library research

A Steering Group on Library Research has been set up following the recommendations of a working party report on university libraries, the University Grants Committee (UGC) announced. The Chairman of the Steering Group is Dr. E. Anne Whiteman, Vice-Principal of Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford.

The Steering Group will work to the following terms of reference:

1. to define and recommend to the UGC
   (a) what information should be requested from universities about library operations and
   (b) what specific research projects should be undertaken – with their relative priorities – in order to make possible a reliable evaluation of any aspects of library operation which could significantly affect financial provision for libraries and of the principle of the self-renewing library.
2. to supervise and report on the execution of any research projects authorised as a result of their recommendations.

Other members of the Steering Group are: Professor A. J. Brown,* the University of Leeds, Dr. L. H. Butler, the Principal, Royal Holloway College, Professor K. M. Clayton,* University of East Anglia, Professor B. G. Gowenlock,* Heriot-Watt University, Mr. N. Higham, Librarian, University of Bristol, Mr. B. J. Perry, an Independent Specialist, Mr. P. T. Stone, Assistant Librarian, University of Sussex and Professor B. C. Vickery, the University College, London.

Further specialists will be co-opted on an *ad hoc* basis when advice is needed in particular fields.
*Members of the main University Grants Committee.

For further information apply to the University Grants Committee, 14 Park Crescent, London W1N 4DH. Tel: 01 636 7799.

HMSO Services Working Party

The Working Party's Progress Report for 1975–76 is now available from Miss C. Pratt, Librarian, Central Information Unit, Legal & General Assurance Society Ltd., 11 Queen Victoria St., London EC4N 4TP. A self-addressed stamped envelope approx. 6" x 8½" should be enclosed.

The Library of the Dept. of Health and Social Security has produced an *Annual List of DHSS publications – 1975* including those not published by HMSO. This can be obtained free of charge from the DHSS library at Alexander Fleming House, Elephant & Castle, London SE1 6BY.

Devon Library Services enlist microfilm experts to save South West's old newspaper records

Thanks to prompt action by Devon Library Services, copies of West Country newspapers dating back as far as 1740 have now been microfilmed.

Newspapers have always been an invaluable reference source for anyone interested in local affairs and history and libraries have experienced a steadily rising demand from the public for access to old papers in recent years. This demand however, poses problems, because of the poor condition of the stored newspapers. The extensive newspaper files at Plymouth Central Library had not only suffered because of damage caused during the war-time blitz – damage which necessitated the initial salvage operation carried out by Wessex, but in addition when the librarians at Plymouth were checking the remaining files they were horrified to find that many copies of old papers were actually starting to decompose. Curiously enough papers which were published previous to 1870 were in better condition than later copies because it was around this time that newspapers changed from rag based to wood pulp paper which degenerates far more easily. With copies of defunct papers such as *Woolmers Exeter and Plymouth Gazette* and the *Sherborne and Yeovil Mercury* together with the papers that still flourish today, now safely on microfilm, the library service has solved more than a major storage problem.

In addition the library service has been co-operating with the major newspaper companies in the county in jointly employing Wessex Microfiling to produce films of the companies' old newspaper files. Microfilm copies of these are now also available for consultation in Devon's libraries; thanks to microfilm public availability of these papers has been greatly increased.

The job of microfilming all the old papers, war damaged or otherwise, was entrusted to Wessex Microfiling Ltd., the Barnstaple based microfilm experts who have been progressively working through this mammoth task during the last six years, ironing and

repairing many dilapidated files before microfilming. Wessex have also installed at Plymouth Central Library a 'Regma LR6 Reader/Printer' which allows paper copies of any microfilm image of the newspapers to be taken and supplied to any member of the public at a very nominal charge. At Exeter and Plymouth Central Library Wessex have installed the Explorer 14 microfilm reader.

So from a situation where the irreplaceable records contained in old newspapers were nearly lost altogether, microfilming has meant that these are now not only completely safe but also so much more easily accessible to anyone in the county.

New headquarters for Leicestershire Libraries & Information Service

Between 25th March and 4th April, Leicestershire Libraries & Information Service Headquarters will be moving from three separate buildings: Epic House, Clarence Street and Lee Circle, Leicester, to Thames Tower still in the heart of the City. For the first time all the departments involved; Administration Services, Special & Technical Support Services to Education and Young People will be housed together under one roof. Occupying the entire specially adapted first floor of some 14,000 square feet, it is hoped that the service provided by these departments will be enhanced by the improved communications resulting from the move.

This move has been made possible by the reallocation of County Council owned and leased properties in the City Centre. Leicestershire Libraries and Information Service will be sharing County Council accommodation in Thames Tower with the Central Purchasing Officer's Book Supply to Schools unit, the Education Welfare Officers and part of a College of Further Education. The new address is: Leicestershire Libraries & Information Service, First Floor, Thames Tower, Navigation Street, Leicester, LE1 3UR Tel. Leicester 538921 (0533), Telex: 34307.

Papers Invited for First On-Line Information Meeting

The First International On-Line Information Meeting will be held at the Tara Hotel in London, from the 13th to 15th December 1977. The meeting is organised and sponsored by *On-Line Review* – the International Journal of On-Line Information Systems. The meeting reflects the meteoric rise in the use of on-line information retrieval, a method which allows a user to interrogate, via a terminal and a telephone, databases centrally stored in a computer.

Three distinct events will be arranged during the meeting.

1. *A Conference* will offer a varied program of presentations addressing current problems and opportunities facing all those involved with providing information in business, industry, government and the academic world. Papers reviewing present networks, systems and databases will be welcomed. Contributions on education and research in information, costs of on-line systems, numeric databases, information, user education, copyright and information technology and other related topics are also invited. Prospective speakers should submit titles and synopses as soon as possible, and by 18th April 1977 at the latest. Manuscripts will be required by the end of July. One of the conference sessions will be a description of the latest developments in systems and databases with short presentations arranged by subject groupings.
2. *Seminar Sessions* offered by database producers, on-line vendors, and independent training organisations will give in depth training on file structures, on-line search techniques, and search strategies. The format and number of attendees will be determined by those presenting the seminars.
3. *An Exhibition* by leading organisations who create and market information products, services, systems and publications will be presented during the meeting. This will augment the program with displays of current technology in the information field.

Further details are available from the Organising Secretary, First International On-Line Information Meeting, On-Line Review, Woodside, Hinksey Hill, Oxford, OX1 5BP. Tel. Oxford 730275

CONFERENCE

Sixth Cranfield International Conference on Mechanised Information Storage and Retrieval systems.

This conference, to be held on 26th–29th July, 1977, will be organised jointly by INSPEC and the Cranfield Institute of Technology. It will be held at the Cranfield Institute of Technology, Cranfield, Bedford MK43 0AL, England.

For further information write to the Cranfield Institute of Technology.

Conference on the future of Information Services in this period of financial restraint

With the freezing of posts, restrictions on bookfunds and rapid escalation in periodical and book prices, the libraries of universities and polytechnics are under some strain. The personal services offered by librarians to their readers seem to many to be perfect targets for financial saving. In these circumstances what is the future of information services? What services could be reduced or cut? Which should be the first to go? Are there ways in which librarians can save money by co-operating in the provision of information services?

Speakers will include Professor Yates, Head of the German Department at Exeter University and A. J. Burkett, Senior Lecturer in European Studies at Loughborough University giving the library users' views; Gerry Smith of the City University Business School suggesting that libraries offer too many

services. The management implications of the problem will be discussed by Graham Mackenzie (librarian of St Andrews University) and John Cowley (librarian of Middlesex Polytechnic). Charles Crossley, Engineering Librarian at Bradford University will give some advice on persuading the customer to use library services, and there will be an open session in which those attending can show or describe publications, indexes or other services they produce which might be of use to others.

The conference begins with lunch on Monday 11th July and disperses after lunch on 12th July. Accommodation is in single study bedrooms, with washbasins, and the cost, inclusive of service charge and V.A.T. is £15.00, non-residential fee £10. Closing date for applications – 3rd June. Enclose a cheque (made payable to Sconul Information Services Group) and send to John Fletcher, the Library, University of Warwick, Coventry. CU4 7AL.

CONGRESS

International Congress on National Bibliographies 1977

The International Congress on National Bibliographies will be organized by Unesco, in co-operation with the International Federation of Library Associations, from 12th to 15th September 1977 at Unesco Headquarters in Paris.

The congress, which forms part of the programme for the promotion of Universal Bibliographic Control (UBC), will discuss ways and means of improving national bibliographic control with its aim to ensure that a bibliographic record for each new publication is made when the publication is issued. At the congress participants will be called upon: (a) to reach agreement on minimum standards and/or acceptable practices for the coverage, content and form of national bibliographic records, taking into account the requirements for their international exchange; (b) to reach agreement on acceptable guidelines for the presentation, arrangement and frequency of the printed national bibliography; (c) to discuss and make proposals for the sharing of resources to assist countries to achieve national bibliographic control, using either manual or computerized methods of producing national bibliographies.

Further information may be obtained from: Division of Documentation, Libraries, Archives and Book Promotion, Unesco, 7 Place de Fontenoy, 75700 Paris (France).

FORUMS

Travelling Workshops Experiment

The Travelling Workshops Experiment has prepared teaching packages which have been used to give workshops on information handling to students in biology, mechanical engineering, and social welfare. We think that these materials would be useful to librarians running their own courses, and would like to find out whether there is a demand for such packages, and, if so, what form they should take.

Two forums are being held to show these materials and to discuss reactions to them. The materials include student handbooks, tape-slides, audio-tapes, practical exercises, posters and displays of sources. Each forum will consist of three subject workshops similar to those normally set up for students; in this way methods and materials can be thoroughly examined.

Participants would also be welcome to use the forum as an opportunity for familiarizing themselves with the bibliographical structure and sources of an unfamiliar subject area, by systematically working through the appropriate workshop.

Two similar forums will be held: one in Manchester and one in London so that librarians from all over the country will have the opportunity to attend. The Manchester forum is being arranged in conjunction with COPOL and the London forum in conjunction with the Information Services Group of SCONUL; however, both are open to staff from any institution of higher education.

The forums will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on July 5th 1977, at University College, London (Engineering Building, Room G6), Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT. On July 12th, at the Manchester Polytechnic (John Dalton Faculty of Technology), Chester Street, Manchester M1 5GD.

Each forum will commence with a general discussion of the Travelling Workshops Experiment and what it is trying to do. Participants will then be able to spend some time working through and examining the teaching materials and discussing ways in which they could be used. (There will be no charge, apart from a small charge for coffee and tea; lunch is not included.) Anyone interested in attending, please contact the Travelling Workshops Experiment, The Library, Newcastle upon Tyne Polytechnic, Ellison Building, Ellison Place, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 8ST.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Who Owns Whom: Continental Europe. The new edition, backed up by the broad data base developed over the sixteen years since the directory first appeared, uses computer technology to present information on company structures in a new format that makes *Who Owns Whom: Continental Europe* even more useful as a working tool for everyone needing information about company ownership. A new Europe-wide index of over 80,000 subsidiary companies, showing the ultimate parent company of each one and its country of incorporation, is provided in Volume 2. This permits quick cross reference to the parent group structures set out in full in Volume 1. Users of *Who Owns Whom: Continental Europe* can thus easily pinpoint the ownership of the most obscure associate of any company anywhere in Continental Western Europe. Investments by Continental European corporations in other countries round the world continue to be shown in the directory's new format. The new edition also includes

information on more companies than its predecessors. These improvements in presentation and coverage consolidate the reputation of *Who Owns Whom: Continental Europe* as the most authoritative and comprehensive reference source of its kind.

Available from Mary Sumnor House, 24 Tufton Street, London SW1P 3RA. Tel. 01 222 6823.

Saudi Arabia five-year development plan to 1980 – of vital interest to everyone concerned with developing markets for civil engineering, industrial, defence, medical, educational, agricultural, energy, environmental and a wide range of other products and services in the fast-growing economy of Saudi Arabia – copies of the official Saudi planning document are now available from the National Technical Information Service of the United States Department of Commerce.

Produced by the Central Planning Organization of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the 663-page document covers all aspects of the country's development program, both social and industrial, with the inclusion of detailed statistical and financial planning data.

Information is presented under eight main headings: (1) Development Goals – economic, human, social, welfare; (2) The Economy and Society of Today – growth of the labour force, growth of the economy, fiscal and monetary management; (3) The Economy and Society of Tomorrow – development strategy, fiscal and monetary management, highlights of the Plan; (4) Economic Resource Development – water, agriculture, petroleum, minerals, electricity, manufacturing, construction, commerce; (5) Human Resource Development – manpower, training, labour affairs, education; (6) Social Development – health, social security and insurance, youth welfare, the Judicial System; (7) Physical Infrastructure Development – transportation including roads, ports, airports, SAUDIA, railroad; telecommunications and posts, municipalities, housing, the Holy Cities and the Hajj; (8) Plan Management and Implementation – size of the Plan, planning and management information including statistics, National Computer Centre, aerial survey and mapping, meteorology, standards and specifications; science and technology, central planning, public sector, private sector, international co-operation.

Most of the statistical and financial data given in the report is unique and unobtainable from any other source and clearly, as the official Saudi Government development document it represents the most authoritative material offered to date.

Saudi Arabia five year plan 1975/1980 –

Document Number PB-246 572 is priced at £20.35 per copy plus £0.70 postage inland. Overseas postage will be quoted on request. Please send orders, together with full cash remittance, to: NTIS (Microinfo), Hamlet House, High Street, Alton, Hants GU34 1EF, England. Tel. Alton 84300, Telex: 858431.

The International File of micrographics equipment and accessories, edited by MICROINFO LTD. Published by MICROFORM REVIEW INC. 1977/78 Edition. The file is a single source of detailed information on every significant micrographic product and item of supply currently on the world market. Everything from complete automated storage and retrieval systems through COM recorders, readers, reader/printers, production equipment to film stock, processing materials, shelving and fiche panels is represented – plus a host of additional microfilm-related products. Source documents consist of vendors' product literature sorted and collated into a uniform sequence before filming for presentation on 98-frame microfiche. Each microfiche contains an index to the companies mentioned together with individual indexes to the products offered by each company. Access is provided through a printed index – itself a useful stand-alone document. Users may enter through a particular type of product and they are directed to those companies offering that type of equipment. Or they may enter through the name of a chosen company when they will be given the microfiche reference on which that company's product line is presented.

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The Measurement and Evaluation of Library Services, by F. Wilfrid Lancaster, Professor, Graduate School of Library Science, University of Illinois, has been published recently. It consists of 14 chapters: The Evaluation of Library Services: An Introduction; Studies of Catalogue Use; Evaluation of Reference Service; Evaluation of Literature Searching and Information Retrieval; Evaluation of the Collection; Evaluation of Document Delivery Capabilities; The Range and Scope of Library Services; Evaluation of Technical Services; Evaluation of Automated Services in Libraries; The Relevance of Standards to the Evaluation of Library Services; Library Surveys; Effect of Physical Accessibility to Ease of Use; Cost-Performance-Benefits Considerations; Conclusion; Factors Affecting the Performance of Library Services.

The Measurement and Evaluation of Library Services is available through book dealers or directly from: Information Resources Press, Suite 316, 2100 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037. The price is $27.50, plus postage and handling.

The Journal of Informatics – this new journal will be issued three times each year in April, August and December beginning in April 1977. Its primary objective is to promote the theoretical study of the

cognitive aspects of *informatics*.

The need for the new journal arose from a widening of the interests of Aslib's Co-ordinate Indexing Group as reflected in the contributions to their recent annual Informatics conference. The proceedings of the first three of these conferences (held at Durham, Oxford and Cambridge) have been published by Aslib, but papers contributed to Informatics IV (Lancaster) are inherited by the Journal. It was felt that publication of a Journal would more easily promote continued critical discussion and development of the emergent themes. The first issue will contain three conference papers:

1. *Information and the explicitly performative verb* (J. N. D. Fisher).
2. *Retrieving references by dialogue rather than by query formulation* (R. N. Oddy).
3. *On the problem of 'aboutness' in document analysis* (W. J. Hutchins).

From the second issue onwards we shall publish, *inter alia*, one paper which has been previously sent to a number of readers and their initial critical comments will be published with the paper. But other papers, notes and letters are also invited.

The Journal will be published by the School of Library, Archive and Information Studies, University College, London, in association with the Aslib Co-ordinate Indexing Group. The Editor will be B. C. Brookes and there will be an Editorial Board consisting of R. A. Fairthorne, Verina Horsnell, Kevin Jones, Barbara Kostrewski, Margaret Masterman, Stephen Robertson, and J. C. Sager.

The subscriptions price for 1977 (volume 1) will be £3.50 to individuals, or £7.00 to libraries. All correspondence should be sent to: The Editor, Informatics, School of Library, Archive and Information Studies, University College, London, Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT.

The Futures Directory is a special publication from *Futures*, the internationally respected journal of forecasting and planning. The *Directory* lists 439 organizations and 574 individuals, in over 40 countries, engaged in planning, forecasting and futures research. This unique reference book has been compiled by John McHale and Magda Cordell McHale, of the Center for Integrative Studies, State University of New York, Binghamton, USA. It is based on a series of surveys carried out at the Center and co-sponsored by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research.

Each entry in *The Futures Directory* gives details of the primary interests of the individual or organization and lists their direction of work and the methods used. Time range, sources of funding and type of client for the work are also indicated. There are two directory sections – individuals and organizations – with entries arranged alphabetically. Comprehensive indexes enable the reader to identify quickly who is doing what and where they are located. *The Futures Directory* will be an essential reference source for corporate planners, forecasters, policy makers and futures researchers throughout the world.

The Futures Directory is published in the USA by Westview Press Inc, 1898 Flatiron Court, Boulder, Colorado 80301 and throughout the rest of the world by IPC Science and Technology Press Limited, 32 High Street, Guildford, Surrey, England GU1 3EW.

Energy Abstracts, published monthly by Engineering Index, Inc. (Ei) will be enhanced by the addition of a new subject index and a new author affiliation index. This publication presently contains main subject headings and subheadings (from Ei's controlled vocabulary) and an author index. Commencing in January 1977, issues will display abstracts and references under new page headings. These captions denote any of 39 major subject categories provided in co-operation with the Energy Research and Development Administration. In the back of the book, the subject index will list in-depth indexing with appropriate descriptors and qualifiers (from the ERDA Thesaurus) along with the title of the paper and the number of the abstract or reference.

By the addition of these aids, speed and ease in the location of pertinent material is greatly improved. Further, the author affiliation index will furnish an extra means of searching. It links the organization that the primary author is associated with and the applicable abstract or reference number. This reveals the areas in which an organization has devoted some of its recent efforts.

The Engineering Index master data base provides abstracts and references covering the greater part of the world's literature in applied technology from all disciplines of engineering. *Energy Abstracts* is a 'subset' of this data base and as such, presents engineering information from this field alone. *Energy Abstracts* is also unique from other Ei Services in that it contains matter from both *The Engineering Index* data base as well as some supplementary external material from ERDA and the National Technical Information Service.

Further information and/or a sample is available from Engineering Index, Inc., United Engineering Center, 345 East 47th Street, New York, New York 10017.

The Estate Agents' Yearbook and Directory. Kemps the well known Publishing Group, are continuing their aggressive policy of acquiring specialist directories to add to their existing range. They have now acquired from Thornton Cox the Estate Agents' Yearbook and Directory. It provides the most comprehensive list of estate agents, surveyors, valuers and auctioneers, available. The first issue consists of some 330 pages listing the agents geographically, by county and town. A large number of firms have entered their partners' names and the fields of their activities. The Directory has been approved by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and the Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers and includes feature articles by leading professionals in the property world. The Yearbook is available, priced at £8.00, ISBN 0905255208, through leading bookshops and stores or direct from the publishers at 1–5 Bath Street, London EC1V 9QA, Tel. 01 253 5314/3871.

News

On-Line Searching: A Self-Instruction Manual, by Edward Stockey and Sandra Janschewski is available from the Drexel University Book Store, Philadelphia PA 19104. Price: $3.90 plus postage. The manual, prepared by two students in the Graduate School of Library Science under the supervision of Professor Brigitte L. Kenney, is designed to provide basic skills in Boolean logic, set construction, search strategy and several basic types of searches as well as the major commands of both the ORBIT and DIALOG systems. It also contains a chapter on free-text searching. Using the ERIC data base throughout, the manual is organized into three chapters; at the end of each chapter, there is an on-line exercise, which should take approximately eight minutes each, or a total of about twenty-four minutes for either ORBIT or DIALOG. Objectives of the manual are to instruct prospective searchers (both library science students and librarians) in the fundamentals of on-line search-searching, using ERIC. Working through the manual will take about six hours and will enable the person completing the manual to go on to data base specific instruction available from vendors and data base producers. It can also be used as a refresher, for those persons who received training but have not searched for some time. Intended as a preliminary edition, the manual contains an evaluation form. Based on responses from the field, the manual will be revised.

Encyclopedia of Associations – This source, containing 13,583 entries provides detailed descriptions of active organizations in America. It is conveniently divided into three volumes. Volume 1, entitled *National Organizations of the U.S.* lists the organizations in a subject arrangement and includes an alphabetical and keyword index, particularly useful for tracing associations of which the full title is unknown to the reader. Volume 2 is the *Geographic and Executive Index*, giving details of associations alphabetically by each state and then by the name of the town. Volume 3, entitled *New Associations and Projects* is issued periodically in loose-leaf form and describes newly-formed and newly-found associations, thus forming a supplement to Volume 1. The Encyclopedia is available from Gale Research Company, Book Tower, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

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Selected references on day care of children under five, 1974–1976. 1976. 92 refs. £1.20

Bibl–606
Department of Health and Social Security Library.
Selected references on hospital waiting lists.
1976. 37 refs. £0.40.

Bibl–607
Department of Health and Social Security Library.
Selected references on the 1975 Children Act.
1976. 33 refs. £0.40.

The following bibliographies are available direct from the issuing organizations. *Please give full details when ordering* – the Bibliography number alone is not sufficient to enable the publishing organization to identify the item.

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Basic oxygen steelmaking: a bibliography of published literature (1973–1975). 1976. 459 refs.
Available from: Information Services, Sheffield Laboratories, British Steel Corporation, Hoyle Street, Sheffield, S3 7EY.

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Bibliography on accident insurance. 1976. 2 pages.
Available from: Library, Chartered Insurance Institute, 20 Aldermanbury, London, EC2V 7HY.

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Annotated bibliography on general cut-flower production and economics 1974–1976. 1977. 15 refs. Query File No. 2/77, U.K. £1.00 Overseas £1.20
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Town and regional planning in Africa, Asia and Latin America. 1975. 149 refs.
Available from: Headquarters Library, Department of the Environment, 2 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 3EB.

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Available from: Information/Library Units, Land Resources Division, Tolworth Tower, Surbition, Surrey, KT6 7DY.

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PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 13 July

14.00	Registration	
	Films:	Information Retrieval, David Martin
		The Best is Yet to Come, ICL
		Computer Aided Design
		Cluster Analysis
15.00	Tea	
	Demonstration:	Technical Reports Centre
16.00	Introduction to Databases by E Wiseman.(ICL)	
17.30	Conference welcome and introduction	
19.00	Dinner	
20.30	Introduction to Information Retrieval by Dr A Harley (British Library)	

Thursday, 14 July

08.00 Breakfast

Please return by
30 June 1977

ASLIB COMPUTER INFORMATION GROUP CONFERENCE

Computer Information '77 - Databases

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Postgraduate School of Librarianship,
University of Sheffield, Sheffield S10 2TJ

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09.15 CODASYL
by E Tozer (Software Science Ltd)
10.15 Coffee
10.45 Distributed Processing
by A D Watson (Ventek Ltd)
11.40 Databases
by Professor M F Lynch (University of Sheffield, Postgraduate School of Librarianship)
13.00 Lunch
14.15 *Visits: British Library Lending Division
North East Midland Bank
Rowntree Mackintosh
York Minster / Railway Museum
17.30 Demonstration: System Development Corp. Lockheed
19.00 Sherry Reception
19.30 Conference Dinner
Speaker: R R Waller: Privacy

Friday, 15 July

08.00 Breakfast
09.15 The EEC and EURONET
by A J Dunning (European Commission)
10.00 Telecommunications and their Relations to Database Developments
by P Scawen (Tymshare Ltd)
10.45 Coffee
11.00 Panel Discussion : Databases
Conference conclusion
13.00 Lunch

* Actual visits will depend on response from delegates

It is hoped that there will be a display of computer books throughout the conference.

FINAL DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 30 JUNE 1977. Cancellations received after this date will be charged a £10 cancellation fee.

Course

FORM A

COURSE ON BUSINESS INFORMATION

to be held at Aslib Headquarters
7 - 11 November 1977

Aims and Objectives: This course is intended for staff who are engaged in handling business or commercial information and for librarians or information officers in other subjects who need to handle business information. It concentrates on sources of information in the major fields of company information, statistics, marketing intelligence, product information, and also includes some sessions on the techniques of information handling. Practical work will be included.

Fee: £65.00 (£55.00 to members of Aslib) This includes morning coffee and afternoon tea each day (except Wednesday morning) but not lunch.

Bookings: Places are limited to 30. Bookings open when this notice is published. Members are advised to make provisional bookings by telephone as soon as possible after receiving this notice.

Visits: This course includes a visit to the City Business Library in order to gain experience in using the full range of published material in commercial and company information, as well as a visit to the Aslib Information Department. Bibliographies and notes will be supplied to accompany lectures where appropriate, and examples of publications mentioned will be available for inspection.

Details of the programme are given overleaf.

To: The Education Officer, Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PL

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COURSE ON BUSINESS INFORMATION

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DAY 1

Business information and management literature; Running a small-budget economic information unit; Statistics: The use and applications of both UK and foreign statistics.

DAY II

Current information from newspapers and periodicals; the organisation of press cuttings. Company Information: main sources of published information, collections, interpretations, status enquiries and guides

DAY III

Practical work at the City Business Library. Inquest and discussion of practical session. Directories and supplementary material.

DAY IV

Trade names and product information. Sources of information on legal matters. Balance sheet interpretation-practical session in analysis of company accounts.

DAY V

Marketing intelligence: survey of marketing intelligence and marketing research activities and techniques. External sources of business information.

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Course

MICROFORMS IN LIBRARIES

an appreciation course

in conjunction with the National Reprographic Centre for Documentation

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24 October 1977

at the National Reprographic Centre for Documentation, Hatfield, Hertfordshire.

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S Y N O P S I S

09.30 hrs	Course introduction by T Hampshire
09.35 hrs	Micropublishing as an information medium I by B J S Williams
10.15 hrs	Break for coffee
10.30 hrs	Micropublishing as an information medium II by B J S Williams
11.30 hrs	Demonstrations of equipment (Cameras, processors, duplicators, etc.) by R N Broadhurst
12.30 hrs	Break for lunch
14.00 hrs	COM in the library by J R Spencer
15.00 hrs	Break for tea
15.15 hrs	Equipment quality and performance (Readers) by R N Broadhurst
16.30 hrs	Course ends.

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Course

REPORT WRITING

an intensive course

given by JOHN MITCHELL, Senior Lecturer in Communication Studies, Bradford College

13 - 15 September 1977
at Aslib Headquarters

Aims and objectives: The presentation of reports is an important part of all jobs which have an intellectual content - library and information work, no less than scientific and technical, business and commercial, or purely administrative work. Routine quarterly or annual reports, recommendations to management on the development of services, reports of research or on literature searches, all require skills of written communication. The aim of this course is to teach people to write reports that will communicate clearly and concisely the facts the writer wishes to convey to his readers and the conclusions he wishes to draw from those facts. Though intended primarily for librarians and information officers, the course will also be of use to other people, such as research workers, who have to write reports. It deals with all stages in the preparation and writing of a report and includes a session on editing. There will be a report writing exercise, and tutorials in which students' work will be evaluated individually.

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Bookings: Places are limited to 15. Bookings open when this notice is published. Members are advised to make provisional bookings by telephone as soon as possible after receiving this notice.

Details of the programme are given overleaf.

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REPORT WRITING : an intensive course

SYNOPSIS

First Day

1. Introduction
2. The Language we use
3. How to achieve simplicity
4. How to make notes
5. Note making exercise

Second Day

6. Punctuation
7. Common errors in writing
8. Sentences and paragraphs
9. Reports on meetings
10. Editing reports

Third Day

11. Report writing (1)
12. Report writing (2)
13. Report writing exercise
14. Tutorials
15. Review of course

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Meeting

ASLIB CO-ORDINATE INDEXING GROUP

SEMINAR ON INTEGRATIVE LEVELS
(A memorial to J. Leo Jolley)

20th June 1977
at Aslib Headquarters 10 am for 10.30

A one-day seminar on the theory of integrative levels and its application to the design of information retrieval and bibliographical classification systems is being organized to commemorate the late Leo Jolley's work in this area.

Speakers will include Messrs. E. Coates, R.A. Fairthorne and D.J. Foskett, and Drs. A.F. Parker-Rhodes and M. Pettersson. Mr. Fairthorne's contribution will consist of an assessment of Jolley's work - the remaining papers will consider the theory in broader terms.

Admission to the seminar will be free. There will be a break for lunch. Morning coffee and afternoon tea will be provided.

Early return of the booking slip is requested as places may have to be limited.

Please return by
10th June 1977

To: The Conference Organiser, Aslib,
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INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

SUB-LIBRARIAN

Applications are invited for the post of SUB-LIBRARIAN in the School of Management Library. Candidates should be graduates with professional qualification in librarianship or associated fields, and/or appropriate experience. The person appointed will be required to provide an information service to some 250 faculty members and post-graduate students and will be expected to work closely with the faculty members in the preparation of material required for the courses.

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Calendar

1977

JUNE

1 Wed — Computer Applications Group Conference: Networks and their applications
Geological Society of London
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

2 Thur — Aslib Seminar: Interacting with users for effective information use
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
Programme and application form with April issue

16 Thur
14.30 — Aslib Midlands Branch Visit: British Non-Ferrous Metals Technical Centre
Wantage, Berks
Contact: J. A. Pickup, Albright & Wilson Ltd., PO Box 80, Oldbury, Warley, W. Midlands, B29 4LN

16 Thur
17.00 for
18.00 — Aslib Tenth Annual Lecture by the Rt. Hon. Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge, Minister for the Arts
Royal Institution, 21 Albemarle Street, London W1
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
Leaflet and application form with March issue

17 Fri — Technical Translation Group visit: BBC Monitoring Service
Caversham
Contact: Mrs. E. Bowden, Foreign Languages Services, UASC/22 Shell Centre, London SE1 7NA
Details later

20 Mon — Co-ordinate Indexing Group one day seminar: Integrative levels, in memory of Leo Jolley
Aslib
Contact: K. P. Jones, MRPRA, Brickendonbury, Hertford

23 Thur
15.00 — Chemical Group Visit: Kew Gardens (including Library, Herbarium and Jodrell Laboratory)
Richmond, Surrey
Contact: L. Adler, CIA, Alembic House, 93 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7TU

24 Fri
14.30 — Social Sciences Information Group Visit: British Library Reference Division
Bloomsbury, London WC1
Contact: Miss S. Johnson, Centre for Studies in Social Policy, 62 Doughty Street, London WC1N 2LS

JULY

13/15
Wed/Fri — Computer Information Group Conference: Data bases, their organisation and application
University of York
Contact: F. C. A. Exon, Centre for Research in User Studies, University of Sheffield, Western Bank, Sheffield S10 2TN
Leaflet with April issue

SEPTEMBER

13/15
Tue/Thur — Aslib course: Report writing
Aslib
Fee: £55 Aslib members: £45
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
Details and application form in April issue

20/23
Tue/Fri — Aslib 51st Annual Conference: Information resources in the UK: their contribution to a national information system
University of Lancaster
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
Advance programme and exhibition space booking form with March issue of *Aslib Information*

23 Fri
15.00 — Technical Translation Group meeting and talk by Mrs. V. Lawson
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
Details later

OCTOBER

4/7
Tue/Fri — Aslib course: Introductory course to special library and information work
Aslib
Fee: £55 Aslib members: £45
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
Details later

6 Thur
afternoon — Chemical Group Visit: EEC Information Office
London
Contact: L. Adler, CIA, Alembic House, 93 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7TU
Details later

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*10/11 Mon/Tue — Aslib course: Official Publications
Aslib
Fee: £33 Aslib members: £27
Details and application form in May issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

17/21 Mon/Fri — Aslib course: Senior introductory course to special library and information work
Aslib
Fee: £65 Aslib members: £55
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
Details and application form in May issue

24 Mon — Aslib course: Microforms in libraries
NRCd Hatfield
Fee: £25 Aslib members: £20
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
Details and application form in April issue

*26 Wed 17.00 for 17.30 — Aslib Evening Meeting
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
Details later

28 Fri 15.00 — Technical Translation Group meeting and film show
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
Details later

NOVEMBER

7/11 Mon/Fri — Aslib course: Course on business information
Aslib
Fee: £65 Aslib members: £55
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
Details and application form in April issue

*23/24 Wed/Thur — Aslib course: Working with Patents (with British Library Science Reference Library)
Aslib
Details and application form in May issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

*23 Wed 17.00 for 17.30 — Aslib Evening Meeting
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
Details later

*24 Thur 18.00 — Aslib (with Library Association and IIS) Felix
Liebesny Memorial Lecture
Council Chamber, Library Association, 7 Ridgmount Street, London WC1
Contact: Library Association
Details later

25 Fri 15.00 — Technical Translation Group meeting and talk by Joan Matthews
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
Details later

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JANUARY

13 Fri 16.00 and 17.00 — Technical Translation Group Annual General Meeting and Sherry Party
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Contact: Mrs. E. Bowden, Foreign Languages Services, UASC/22 Shell Centre, London SE1 7NA

APRIL

11/13 Tues/Thur — EURIM 3: a European conference on the contribution of users to planning and policy making for information systems and networks
Munich-Sheraton Hotel, Munich
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
Announcement and call for questions with May issue.

SEPTEMBER

*18/28 — FID 39th Conference and Congress
Edinburgh
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19/22 Tue/Fri — Aslib 52nd Annual Conference, University of Edinburgh
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

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Aslib Activities

HEADQUARTERS

Aslib 51st Annual Conference

20–23 September 1977, University of Lancaster

There are two important developments in the programme to report this month.

Professor A. J. Meadows, Head of the Department of Astronomy and History of Science, University of Leicester, will open the conference, giving a critique of Government policy and practice in the provision of information that will undoubtedly sound the note of challenge and enquiry that it is hoped will inform the conference. The theme – 'Information resources in the United Kingdom – their contribution to a national information system' – will be developed by speakers from local government (R. G. Charlesworth, Devon County Librarian), the institutions and learned societies (R. J. Millson, Engineering Synopses, University of Bath), industry (Professor J. B. Wilkinson, Unilever Research Ltd), the research associations (A. B. Davey and John MacLachlan, RAPRA), with a look in the final session at how other countries have fared in their attempts to implement a national programme for library and information services by A. F. Trezza (National Commission on Libraries and Information Services, Washington) and Gordon Wright (Toronto University). The session on commercially funded resources and services has been arranged with the help of the Aslib Information Industry Group, whose advice was also invaluable in setting up the exhibition that will be an important feature of the conference. The speakers in this session are Dr Carlos Cuadra, System Development Corporation; M. Hyams, Derwent Publications; and John Pickup, Albright and Wilson Ltd.

On the visits front, there has been an invitation from UKAEA to visit the Reactor Fuel Element Laboratories at Springfields, near Preston. The laboratories' main function is the development of fuels and fuel element components and necessary fuel engineering for thermal and fast nuclear reactors. The laboratory facilities include prototype manufacturing plant and rigs for environmental testing of complete fuel assemblies. Development work is also carried out on welding, brazing, machining and inspection techniques. An Advanced Metal Forming Section studies the commercial development of hydrostatic and continuous helical extrusion processes. REFEL silicon carbide is developed as an engineering material. The visit will include a tour round the various sections of the laboratories and an opportunity to meet the staff of the library, information, editorial and reprographic sections.

The advance programme of the conference and prospectus and booking form for the exhibition were distributed in March, and further copies and information can be obtained from the Conference Organiser, Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PL.

EURIM 3: a European conference on the contribution of users to planning and policy making for information systems and networks

11–13 April 1978, Munich/Sheraton Hotel, Munich, Germany

The theme of EURIM 3 – the third of the important and successful EURIM series sponsored by Aslib with the Association Nationale de la Recherche Technique, Bibliothèque Royale de Belgique, Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Dokumentation, NOBIN and NORDFORSK – is 'The contribution of users to planning and policy making for information systems and networks'. In this context, users are seen as information providers rather than the end users.

The programme deals with this theme under six main heads: Networks and users; Operations; Compatibility and standardisation; Financing, pricing, cost effectiveness; Education and training; International co-operation. Each session will open with one or two keynote papers by invited speakers. Among those who have already agreed to take part are Professor S. Abrahamsson, Göteborg University; Mme A. David, Institut Français des Combustibles et de l'Énergie; A. E. Negus, INSPEC; John Page, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis; Alex Tomberg, EUSIDIC and Royal Dutch Shell; Martha Williams, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The second half of each session will consist of a forum during which the preceding speakers, reinforced by one or two others, will initially answer questions presented in advance by the audience. Delegates are invited to submit questions or brief statements within the subject field of the conference, and these questions or statements will be presented in full session by the questioners. It is expected that this will lead to further discussion and spontaneous questioning.

An announcement and call for questions accompanies this issue of *Aslib Information* and will be distributed by our co-sponsors in Europe. In October, details of sessions, papers and speakers, of the social programme, accommodation and travel arrangements will be published in a programme, accompanied by a registration form, which will receive the widest possible distribution by Aslib and our co-sponsors. The contact for information and further copies of the current announcement or the programme is The Conference Organiser, Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PL.

Aslib Activities

ASSIG

The new acronym, ASSIG, which stares you in the face is meant to confirm the information-handling basis of the Aslib Social Sciences Information Group. ASSIG members are concerned with the acquisition, organisation and exploitation of information in what are broadly recognised as 'the social sciences'.

This year ASSIG has a vigorous and lively programme in hand. In April, a three-day course on Social Science Information was followed by an evening meeting on information transfer and local government. On May 27/28, there is a one-and-a-half-day conference workshop on *Information, public policy and political action.* To satisfy demands from members outside London, the Group is actively negotiating to present a series of regional meetings in the Midlands and North to explore information services and constraints related to ethnic minorities, unemployment and industrial regeneration, the mass media and other matters of current social concern.

ASSIG officers for the year are Jim Hennessy, School of Librarianship, Polytechnic of North London (Chairman), M. A. B. Guha, Social Science Library, North-East London Polytechnic (Treasurer), and Susan Johnson, Centre for Studies in Social Policy (Secretary) and they would be delighted to hear your views on future activities. The contact for ideas, submissions, ASSIG gossip is Sue Johnson (62 Doughty Street, London WC1N 2LS. Tel: 01 242 7295).

AEBIG News

Aslib Economic and Business Information Group

Please send all contributions for the page to: Megan Thomas, Information Officer, Gordian Consulting Services Ltd., The Pullman Kellogg Building, Stadium Way, Wembley, Middx, HA9 OEE. Tel: 01–903–8484. Our deadline date for each issue is the 20th of the preceding month.

Education of Management in use and importance of information services: notes and ideas.

Prepared by Thelma Palmer (Williams Glyn & Co.) & Gill Dare (British Institute of Management). Members of EBIG committee.

1. Top management tends to have a smaller need for information because it is frequently involved in the decision-making processes or has its own network of contacts. Consequently it tends to underrate the information needs lower down the management pyramid. However, support, resources etc. need to be present at the top for an information service to be effective or even exist.

2. The way to achieve this could be to bring pressure to bear by demand from lower down. Suggested ways of achieving this are:

(a) To develop a link with the business schools and other external training course organizers. Perhaps get a place on courses to talk about business information services.

(b) To welcome visits by people attending the courses to our various libraries/information units.

(c) Try to get a place on all internal training programmes about use of information.

(d) To make sure that the information service is one of the places visited on induction programmes for all new employees.

(e) By initiating S.D.I. services for certain key managers who can get things done.

3. Better and regular publicity of the information services throughout the organization.

(a) Regular features in the house journals, sometimes describing service offered, sometimes giving a case history of an information search, sometimes a feature about some new event that will affect the company etc.

(b) Development of a distinctive symbol for the information service that appears on everything that goes out.

(c) General promotional literature to be given to all staff on the use of and how to use the information service.

(d) Daily/weekly bulletins of news, articles, reports etc. affecting the industry etc. of the company.

4. Perhaps the City Librarians could act as a forum and pressure group bringing together managers and information officers on selected topics of current interest over lunch etc. Teaching them about what exists and making the best use of professional information officers. If any group members have any comments or suggestions on this subject, the Aebig Editor would be pleased to receive them.

The Centre for Business Information

The Centre for Business Information, 7, rue Buffon, 75005 Paris, France, is in the process of compiling extensive subject bibliographies in the fields of business and economics and would like to correspond with anyone interested in a free-lance assignment. They are specifically looking for librarians or research staff with some expertise on information sources and services in the fields of economics, statistics, legal, tax, press, radio & TV, etc.

Chartered Accountants Library Group

An informal association of librarians employed by firms of chartered accountants was formed on 1 February 1977 under the chairmanship of Melanie Williams of Spicer & Pegler. The group

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has now met twice. Membership is restricted at present to the inaugural participants.

Management and Productivity: an international directory of institutions and information sources (Management Development series No. 13) Geneva, ILO, 1976

This handy directory provides in Part I a useful list of institutions, in all countries of the world, concerned with aspects of business and management. Part II is a guide to sources of information – directories, bibliographies and indexes, periodicals, dictionaries and encyclopaedias, publishers, information services and audio-visual aids. Although the scope is too large and there are other better known and more comprehensive publications providing this kind of information, nevertheless this is a useful addition to our bibliographical tools in this subject area. It should be available in company and business libraries. The Directory can be purchased from H.M.S.O., 49 High Holborn, WC1.

International Business Bibliography

In March the first comprehensive international business bibliography was published covering works produced from the 1960s to summer 1976. The author is Dr. M. Z. Brook, Director of the International Business Unit at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology. The bibliography has some 3,500 entries covering over 200 journals, books and conference proceedings. Price £15. Publisher Macmillan.

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SWEDISH, DANISH AND NORWEGIAN translated by J. T. Craddock, B.Com. FIL, Ekard, Ray Park Avenue, Maidenhead, Berks, SL6 8DZ. Maidenhead 24931.

JAPANESE/ENGLISH RUSSIAN/ENGLISH translations. Chemistry, medicine, biology, zoology, D. A. Fraser, B.A., MIL, 22 Gresley Road, London N19 3JZ. Tel: 01-272 5664.

SCIENTIFIC TRANSLATIONS FROM INDONESIAN, JAPANESE, CHINESE, RUSSIAN, CZECH and other East and West European languages into English and/or German. A. K. Henn, B.Sc, 'Glenside', Lower Leigh Rd., Pontnewynydd, Pontypool, Gwent. Tel: Pontypool 3689.

MEDICAL, PHARMACEUTICAL, BIOLOGICAL translations from French, Romanian and Portuguese into English and from English into the same languages. Dr. J. Jacobson, 94 Temple Fortune Lane, NW11. 01-455 1010.

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL JAPANESE – ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS Specialist subjects include biochemistry, chemistry, chemical engineering, fuel science, metallurgy and rubber and plastics technology. Gerald Langsley, C.Chem., MRIC. Wayside, White Lodge Lane, Baslow, via Bakewell, Derbyshire. Tel. Baslow 2376.

TECHNICAL TRANSLATIONS from Japanese into English. R. A. Scutt, BA, 48 Somerset Avenue, West Wimbledon, London SW20 0BJ. Tel: 01 946 1713.

AUTHORITATIVE TECHNICAL TRANSLATIONS. Spanish, French, Italian, German, Portuguese, camera copy or printed. E. W. Sykes, FIL, 39 West Close, Wembley, Middlesex, HA9 9PJ. Tel: 01-904-4273.

FOR SALE

Chemical Abstracts 1966–1967 (Bound)
Offers to: The Library,
The Associated Octel Company Limited,
P.O. Box 17, Oil Sites Road,
ELLESMERE PORT,
Wirral, Merseyside.

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British Library Grants to Aslib

As indicated in the annual report of Aslib for 1975, the basis of Government grants to Aslib administered by the British Library Research and Development Department has been changed somewhat – in response to suggestions made by Aslib – in respect of the period 1976–78. The main features now are:

1. Aslib is no longer required to grant membership facilities to Government departments free of charge. Government departments may now become full corporate members of Aslib like any other organization and suitable subscription rates are in the process of being negotiated with individual Government establishments.
2. Research grants continue to be given in two categories, one for the conduct of special research projects to BLRDD's own specification and the other towards the cost of Aslib's own research programme. In 1976, grants in the former category amounted to £40,000 and in the second category to just under £28,000; to secure the latter figure Aslib was required to contribute a similar amount towards the cost of the programme.
3. Further grants, with no ceiling specified are available for the conduct of approved non-research projects. In 1976, one project in this category was proposed and approved – "A Survey of Current Directories with Recommendations for Future Development" at a cost of £12,000.

It is also possible for Aslib to seek grants and contracts for specific purposes from other Government financed sources.

EUSIREF

In association with EUSIDIC (European Association of Scientific Information Dissemination Centres) a number of information centres in Western Europe are co-operating in a referral network which, it is hoped, will help to increase the effective use of on-line networks in Europe.

The British organizations designated as EUSIREF Centres are Aslib and UKCIS (U.K. Chemical Information Service), both of which are represented on the EUSIDIC Group which has been set up with the co-operation of the Commission of the European Communities to co-ordinate the collection and preparation of the documentation upon which the activity will be based.

A recent survey showed the existence of over 500 machine-readable data bases, most of which are available to European users and one of the functions of EUSIREF will be to offer guidance to users in the effective use of these resources. A list of data bases* has already been compiled and published by Aslib for EUSIDIC and it is hoped that this information will itself be available on-line in the near future.

The designated centres are as follows:

Austria	Institut für Maschinelle Dokumentation, Rechenzentrum Graz, Steyrergasse 17, Graz A–8010. Contact: Mr. W. Koch. Tel: 77511/8196.
Belgium	Centre National de Documentation Scientifique et Technique, Keizerslaan 4, Brussels 1000. Contact: Mr. G. Van Autryve. Tel: 02 51 36 180.
Denmark	Danmarks Tekniske Bibliotek, Anker Engelunds Vej 1, Lyngby 2800. Contact: Mr. H. J. Skov. Tel: 45 288 30 88.
Finland	Technical Research Centre of Finland, Valtion Teknillinen Tutkimuskeskus, Vuorimiehentie 5, SF 02150, Espoo 15. Contact: Mr. S. Laitinen. Tel: 45 64 370.
France	SOS Doc, 6 rue aux Ouis, Paris 75003. Contact: Miss Audollent. Tel: 887 40 73
Germany	Institut für Dokumentationswesen, Postfach 710305, Herriotstrasse 5, 6 Frankfurt 71. Contact: Mr. Abbel. Tel: 0611 676011.
Netherlands	Stichting Nederlandse Informatie Cominatie, P.O. Box 1766 The Hague. Contact: Mr. C. L. Citroen. Tel: 02–69 58 80
Norway	Norsk Senter for Informatik, Forskningsveien 1, Oslo 3. Contact: Mr. H. K. Krog. Tel: 02–69 58 80.
Sweden	IDC-KTHB, Information & Documentation Centre, Kungl. Tekniska Högskolans Bibliotek, S–100 44 Stockholm. Contact: Mr. R. Hjerppe. Tel: 08 787 89 50. Medical Information Centre, Karolinska Institutet, Fack S–104 01 Stockholm. Contact: Mr. G. Falkenberg. Tel: 08 23 22 70.
United Kingdom	Aslib, 3 Belgrave Sq., London SW1X 8PL. Contact: Information Officer. Tel: 01 235 5050 UKCIS, The University, Nottingham NG7 2RD. Contact: Mr. J. Blackmore. Tel: 0602 57411

*Data bases in Europe, 2nd ed compiled by A. Tomberg. London, Aslib, 1976. *EUS 1.* £6 (£5 to Aslib members).

Multilingual Programme 1977–1979

The Commission of the European Communities (CEC) has launched a three year 'plan of action for the improvement of the transfer of informa-

tion between European languages'. The motivation behind this programme lies in the need to solve problems caused by the multiplicity of languages in the Community. One example of this is the volume of translation work generated by the Community institutions, which requires the services of some 1300 people at present and is increasing at a rate of 10% per annum. Consequently, the principal objectives of the plan are to create and implement multilingual tools which would improve not only the daily running of the Community institutions, but also the transfer of information from one language to another in the wider context of EURONET.

The programme will launch activities on several fronts, namely: automatic translation of texts in natural language, automatic translation of texts drafted in limited syntax, terminology banks, multilingual thesauri, technical infrastructure, assessment of applied research and encouragement of multilingualism.

Inquiries may be addressed to: Mr. David Buckley, Directorate General 'Scientific & Technical Information and Information Management', Commission of the European Communities, Batiment Jean Monnet, Kirchberg, LUXEMBOURG (Grand Duchy). Tel: 43011 (ext. 2898), Telex: 2752 Eurdoc.

Using computers for translation

The EEC Commission has sent a communication (COM (76) 705 final, 23 December 1976) to the Council suggesting greater use of computers for basic translation purposes. The community translation service has already begun to build up a terminology bank and experiment with a multilingual retrieval system for metallurgy. Studies are also in hand on methods of transfer of scientific and technical information from one language to another. As a result of the success to date with these experiments, the Commission has decided to initiate a three-year plan, starting this year, for their gradual application on a wider scale.

The plan involves action on several fronts: for the automatic pre-translation of unprocessed texts drafted in natural languages, the Commission intends to experiment with one pair of community languages and one specialised field; for the automatic translation of texts drafted in limited syntax, the Commission proposes that this will initially be applied to scientific and para-scientific texts of interest to the community, but it is hoped to extend the process by training staff to draft other texts with reduced syntax; the Commission is already trying to establish a terminology bank for translators and this will be extended through the computer; controlled multilingual vocabularies are essential tools in correct translation and work already started in this field will be expanded; finally, the Commission proposes to improve techniques, assessment and research and promotion – this involves continual efforts to refine techniques, the review and revision of experiments and an effort to interest all those concerned with efficient multilingual translation in what the community is doing. The cost of the plan is expected to be over £1 million (2,750,000 units of account).

Science Information Activities Task Force First Meeting

The National Science Foundation has established a Science Information Activities Task Force to provide recommendations for Foundation-sponsored activities designed to increase the effectiveness of science communication. Emphasis is on determining the unique role and responsibilities of the Foundation, amid all other science communication activities of other federal agencies as well as private organizations. In forming its views, the Task Force is being asked to be forward-looking and to prepare recommendations that will help increase effectiveness of science communications under the conditions expected in the 1980s.

For further information contact Lee G. Burchinal, Director, Division of Science Information, National Science Foundation, Washington, DC 20550.

Library Advisory Council (England): Meeting of 26 January 1977

The South East Counties Study
The Council was informed that the Library Advisers' report on the study they had undertaken of the effects of the expenditure constraints on the policies being pursued by six library authorities in the South East of England was expected to be completed shortly.

The role of the British Library in the National Library Network
Dr. Hookway, Chief Executive of the British Library, was invited to the meeting to present a paper prepared by the Library on how it saw its role in the national library network.

An Analysis of Public Library Issues
The Council endorsed a paper analysing book issues from public libraries and recommended its publication in a professional journal.

The Situation Statement
The Council noted the 1977 edition of the Situation Statement, which outlines the activities of the Council as well as those of Libraries Division of Arts and Libraries Branch of DES, and requested that it receive publicity and be made available on request.

Sociedad Espanola de Documentacion E Informacion Cientifica

This society has recently been formed in Spain to meet the needs of the information profession. For further particulars contact Dr. Emilia Currás,

Departamento de Documentacion Cientifica, Facultad de Ciencias, Universidad Autonoma de Madrid, Canto Blanco, Madrid 34, Spain.

THE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

International and Comparative Librarianship Group. The Annual General Meeting of the Group approved the Annual report on 4 February, 1977.

Membership continues to rise steadily and now stands at 1,487 in 72 countries. The United Arab Emirates are represented for the first time, and a substantial number of affiliated institutional members of the Library Association has opted for membership of the Group. This includes SHAPE (Paris); the EEC Central Library (Brussels); the European Parliament (Luxembourg); EURATOM (Italy); Association of African Universities (Ghana); Arab Exporting Documentation Unit (Jordan); European Space Research Organisation (Holland).

1977 is not only LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CENTENARY YEAR, but also ICLG'S TENTH ANNIVERSARY. The Group is holding a celebratory conference from 23–25 September at Loughborough University, on International library and information programmes: objectives and obstacles.

For further details of the September Conference inquiries to Eileen Harvard-Williams, Department of Library and Information Studies, The University, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 3TU. All other inquiries to ICLG Assistant Secretary. RADIALS Bulletin, Library Association, Ridgmount Street, London WC1E 7AE.

CONFERENCES

39th FID Conference and Congress. It has been finally agreed that the Conference and Congress will be held in Edinburgh, 18–25 September 1978. The theme will be *New Trends in Documentation and Information.*

Further information will be available shortly. Aslib will be responsible for future local arrangements for the Conference.

Coping with cuts – a conference to examine the problems facing academic libraries in the late 1970s. This will be held at Holborn Library on Wednesday 13 July 1977. The total cost is £10.80. For further information contact Stanley Jackson, Coping with Cuts, National Book League, 7 Albemarle St., London W1X 4BB. Tel: 01 493 9001.

Association of Information Officers in the Pharmaceutical Industry. 4th Annual Conference will be held at Ranmoor House, University of Sheffield from Tuesday 5 to Thursday 7 July, 1977. Subjects to be discussed include the role of the academic information research unit, computer-assisted synthesis and the storage and retrieval of pathological and toxicological data. In addition, the Conference will include a full day seminar tracing the information requirements at various stages during the total development of a new drug product, from synthesis to marketing and beyond. Further details and booking forms will be sent to all AIOPI members during May. Non-members who would like to receive details as soon as they are available should contact Peter Thorpe, Hoechst Pharmaceutical Research Labs, Walton Manor, Milton Keynes, Bucks MK7 7AJ. Pineham (090 868) 5068 Extension 233. Telex 826033 (HUK MK).

COURSES

University of Sheffield and the Sheffield Interchange Organisation are holding a one day practical course, 'On-line information retrieval' on 15 June. For further particulars contact R. F. Atkins, F.L.A., Hon. Secretary, SINTO, Central Library, Surrey St., Sheffield S1 1XZ. Tel: 0742 734745.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Talking to Librarians 4, an interview with Leslie Wilson of Aslib. This film is available from Leeds Polytechnic School of Librarianship in association with the Educational Technology Unit.

Other items in the series include interviews with Joel Downing, Dr. D. J. Urquhart, M. B. Line, B. I. Palmer and J. Farradane.

Further particulars are available from The Administrative Assistant, School of Librarianship, Leeds Polytechnic, 28 Park Place, Leeds LS1 2SU, UK. Tel: 0532 456696.

Directory of British Associations and Associations in Ireland. G. P. Henderson and S. P. A. Henderson. *eds.* 5th ed., 1977–8. CBD Research Ltd. SBN 900 246 200.

To anyone who has need to trace associations and societies in any field, the fifth edition of this popular directory will be a welcome sight. Not only is there an increase in the number of associations listed, but also more information is given about each; including names of executives and related international organisations and numbers of members both inside and outside the United Kingdom. The subject index is detailed, with numerous cross references illustrating recent changes in terminology. The abbreviations index is fuller than in earlier editions, an indication of the current trend of using acronyms instead of full names. The list of amendments, although comprehensive, would be more serviceable if it were printed on one side of the paper only. However, the willingness of the editors to attempt to trace details of any association not listed, or whose details have become out of date since publication, can be taken as an indication of the thoroughness used in compilation of this multipurpose directory.

Cost of Scientific and Technical Information and Documentation Systems. Prepared for the EC's Committee for Information and Documentation on Science and Technology by G. Drees. Eighteen documentation and information systems located in the EC Member States were surveyed in this report in order to indicate principal cost factors in their creation and management. Qualitative and quantitative parameters of cost are explored, as well as the relation between different levels of cost, such as total operation, individual operation, and organizational costs.

Report EUR 5531 d/e/f. 203 pp. Full-size: 975 FB; Microfiche: 270 FB. Available from Office for Official Publications of the European Communities, boîte Postale 1003, Luxembourg, or national sales offices.

A Subject Bibliography of the Second World War: Books in English 1939–1974 by A. G. S. Enser published by Andre Deutsch, 1977 at £11.95p. This volume includes books written in English, published world wide. It will be updated by later supplements. The entries are arranged under subject headings in alphabetical order and there is also an author index for cross reference.

Director of Special Libraries in Australia, 4th ed, 1976 ed. Vera Wicks. Price A$20. This can be ordered from the Library Association of Australia, The Science Centre, 35 Clarence Street, Sydney NSW 2000. The directory is arranged in alphabetical order under states, numbered serially in each state, with a code number for state identification. The content of entries has been expanded to include telex and telegraphic address, National library and SSAL symbols, hours, librarians, classification used, availability of photocopying facilities.

The Variety of Librarianship, essays in honour of John Wallace Metcalfe. Edited by W. Boyd Rayward. Library Association of Australia 1976, Price A$15.95. ISBN: 0909915 42 3, order from LAA. The Science Centre, 35 Clarence Street, Sydney, 2000 NSW. This book is a tribute to John Wallace Metcalfe in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the profession of librarianship both in Australia and overseas. The essays are written by a variety of leading librarians in Australia, Canada, United States and Great Britain. They cover a wide subject area.

Personnel in Education and Training. A Survey of the Potential Market for Educational Information Services by Dai Hounsell, Philip Payne and Irene Willett. This is a British Library Project on Experimental Information Services in Education carried out at the University of Lancaster. It costs £3 and is available from the University of Lancaster.

New Publication Catalogues on Bees and Beekeeping. The International Bee Research Association has just issued two new catalogues, both with full descriptions of each entry. List 1: Publications of the International Bee Research Association has 92 titles in print. List 2: Book Selection of the International Bee Research Association describes 62 recommended publications on beekeeping topics, issued by other publishers throughout the world. IBRA stocks these publications for sale, many of them being difficult to obtain outside the country of origin.

Copies can be obtained from the International Bee Research Association, Hill House, Gerrards Cross, Bucks SL9 0NR, England, for 25p. There is no charge to Members of the Association.

Retrospective Index to Theses of Great Britain and Ireland, 1716–1950. Volume 2, Applied Sciences and Technology, Volume 4, Physical Sciences and Volume 5, Chemical Sciences have been published. Volume 3, Life Sciences, the final volume will be published in April/May 1977. (Volume 1 received in 1976 was reviewed in *Aslib Proceedings*, 28 (5), May 1976, p. 221.)

For further information contact John Durrant, European Bibliographical Centre, Clio Press, Woodside House, Hinksey Hill, Oxford OX1 5BE.

International and Regional Politics in the Middle East and North Africa: A Guide to Information Sources. Edited by Ann Schulz, Associate Professor of Government, Clark University. (Volume 6 in the *International Relations Information Guide Series*, part of the *Gale Information Guide Library.*) xiv + 244 pages. Foreword by David H. Partington, Middle Eastern Librarian, Harvard College Library; Preface; Bibliographic Essays; Annotations; Author, Title, and Subject Indexes. Published by Gale Research Co., Detroit, 1977. CIP: L.C. Card No. 74-11568. ISBN 0-8103-1326-X. $18.00.

Unique NASA Space Photograph World Atlas. Widely acclaimed as a unique and magnificent technical achievement, the newly-published NASA satellite photo-atlas MISSION TO EARTH: LANDSAT VIEWS THE WORLD is now available in the United Kingdom.

The 400 plates feature the most interesting areas of the world with selected regions from all continents and latitudes. Almost all of the photographs chosen are cloud-free and crystal clear; a few contain cloud formations for demonstration purposes. Each colour plate measures approximately 7 inches × 7 inches – the layout being one plate to a page with the remainder of each page devoted to copious notes describing the geography and special features of the region.

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Published by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the book is being specially air freighted to the United Kingdom by MICROINFO LTD., HAMLET HOUSE, HIGH ST., ALTON, HAMPSHIRE GU34 1EF. Price inclusive of all air shipment and local delivery charges is £19.75 per copy, cash with order only.

Tavistock Women's Studies. The Tavistock Women's Studies Series will bring together a collection of empirical studies which present and examine the principal facts that govern all aspects of the position of women in modern society. It will be of interest to all men and women who are concerned with the spiritual, emotional and economic well-being of women today, whether the concern be that of the professional sociologist, or of the general reader who is aware of the vital importance of the extent to which women are valued by society, and indeed value themselves. Please address all enquiries regarding this series to:
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Bibliographies

In response to the entry in *Aslib Information* July 1974, and further to the lists given in recent issues, we have received the following bibliographies. Photocopies of these bibliographies can be supplied by Aslib at the prices indicated. Orders should be addressed to the Information Officer at Aslib. All orders must be PRE-PAID.

Bibl–623
Department of Health and Social Security Library.
Selected references on doctor-patient communication. 1977. 29 refs. £0.40.

Bibl–624
Department of Health and Social Security Library.
Selected references on good neighbour, street warden, and similar schemes. 1977. 14 refs. £0.30.

Bibl–625
House of Commons Library Research Division.
Coal Industry Bill. 1977. 62 refs. £0.80.

Bibl–626
House of Commons Library Research Division.
The cruise missile. 1977. 6 pages. £0.70.

Bibl–627
House of Commons Library Research Division.
Evidence to the Bullock Committee on Industrial Democracy. 1977. 38 refs. £0.50.

Bibl–628
Marine Laboratory Library.
The law of the sea: a bibliography
Revised and enlarged edition. 1976. 330 refs. £3.00.

The following bibliographies are available direct from the issuing organizations. **Please give full details when ordering** – the Bibliography number alone is not sufficient to enable the publishing organization to identify the item.

Bibl–629
Building Services Research and Information Association.
Building services for garages and car parks. Literature in the BSRIA Library. 1977. 38 refs. Bibliography LB 88/77. £1.00 cash with order.
Available from: Building Services Research and Information Association, Old Bracknell Lane, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 4AH.

Bibl–630
Building Services Research and Information Association.
Intermittent heating. Literature in the BSRIA Library. 1977. 40 refs. Bibliography LB 69/77. £1.00 cash with order.
Available from: Building Services Research and Information Association, Old Bracknell Lane, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 4AH.

Bibl–631
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ERRATUM

Apologies to AEBIG newsreaders and Companies House for a crazy paragraph in AEBIG News, April issue, page 7, column 2, paragraph 2, it should have read:

The Companies' Registrar, Mr. Nottage, talked about some of the innovations we can expect. A regularly updated master index to companies, giving their name and registration number, is already on sale on microfilm. This is subscribed to by some public libraries for example Birmingham Reference Library. Proposals for microfiche-by-post are being considered, although Companies House will not re-enter the field of providing hard-copy information; this is to be left to the search agents. There is to be provision for alerting City Road users to the deposit of new annual returns and accounts at Cardiff and there is already in existence a system for informing London within the hour of the deposit of new mortgage documents which can then be made available through photofacsimile transmission. The Registry is also using a computerised record system to chase up companies which are failing to make returns and the new Companies Act will require companies to deposit documents more quickly and in legible form.

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Course

INTRODUCTORY COURSE TO SPECIAL LIBRARY AND INFORMATION WORK

4 - 7 October 1977
at Aslib Headquarters

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Note: A separate course is provided for graduates and people of similar status, and students are advised to consult the Education Officer if they are in doubt which is the more appropriate course for their needs.

Details of the programme are given overleaf.

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To: The Education Officer, Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PL

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SYNOPSIS

DAY I

Library procedures, recording of orders, accessions, loans, circulation, the treatment and use of periodicals and special types of material.

DAY II

Records of the Library's holdings: The catalogue and cataloguing - author and title entries, the subject index - classifying procedures, retrieving information. Dissemination of information.

DAY III

Guides to publications, use of bibliographies, indexes, abstract journals and union lists. Photocopying and cost efficiency in making copies.

DAY IV

Services to the user, handling enquiries. Getting help from others: inter-library loans, making the best of available services.

Cancellations

If a booking is cancelled earlier than a week before the beginning of the course, the fee will be refunded, less a deduction of £4 to cover Aslib's expenses. No refund will be made for later cancellations.

Course

OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS

a course arranged in conjunction with the Social Sciences Group

10 - 11 October 1977 at Aslib Headquarters

Aims and Objectives: This course is intended for librarians and information officers who have had some experience of work with official publications, and wish to learn more about them, with a view to improving their service to readers and research workers. It will be concerned with all official publications issued by central government in the United Kingdom, both current and past, those issued by H.M.S.O. and Departments, but not local government publications. It will aim to increase understanding of the nature of official publications by showing how they relate to the processes of government and how this affects their use. Practical work on problems involved in the use of official publications will be included.

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COURSE ON OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS

Day 1

Lecture 1 The background to official publications (UK)

How the processes of governing the country are expressed in the terms of the documents.

Lecture 2 How to find out about and obtain official publications (UK)

Publications issued by H.M.S.O., priced publications issued by departments, guides to official departments.

Lecture 3 The use of official publications

The main collections of official publications for reference and loan.

Lecture 4 Bibliographical control of official publications

Classification and indexing of official publications, local indexes v. the official indexes.

Briefing on exercise.

Day 2

Practical exercise in libraries

Lecture 5 The publishing activities of H.M.S.O.

Inquest on the exercise

General discussion of the course.

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Course

SENIOR INTRODUCTORY COURSE TO SPECIAL LIBRARY AND INFORMATION WORK

17 - 21 October 1977
at Aslib Headquarters

Aims and Objectives: This course is intended for graduates, or people with similar qualifications entering special library and information work without previous experience. It is intended to introduce them to the basic principles governing the handling of information, and to give them a broader view of their work than can be obtained by working in a single information department or library.

Fee: £65.00 (£55.00 to members of Aslib) This includes morning coffee and afternoon tea each day but not lunch.

Bookings: Places are limited to 30. Bookings open when this notice is published. Members are advised to make provisional bookings by telephone as soon as possible after receiving this notice.

Note: Students will not normally be accepted for this course unless they have a degree or some similar qualification but not in librarianship or information science. Other students who wish to attend the course should consult the Education Officer before sending in the application form. (Bibliographies and notes will be supplied to accompany lectures where appropriate.)

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SENIOR INTRODUCTORY COURSE TO SPECIAL LIBRARY AND INFORMATION WORK

SYNOPSIS

Day I

The role and value of information departments. Selection and acquisition of published material. Loan procedures. Point-of-service techniques.

Day II

Bibliography: Sources of published information for books and periodicals. Dissemination of information.

Day III

Information retrieval - catalogues and indexes. Main emphasis on classification systems.

Day VI

Foreign language barriers. Patents. Information retrieval - less conventional systems. Classification exercise.

Day V

External sources of published information in science and technology. Subject enquiries and literature searching.

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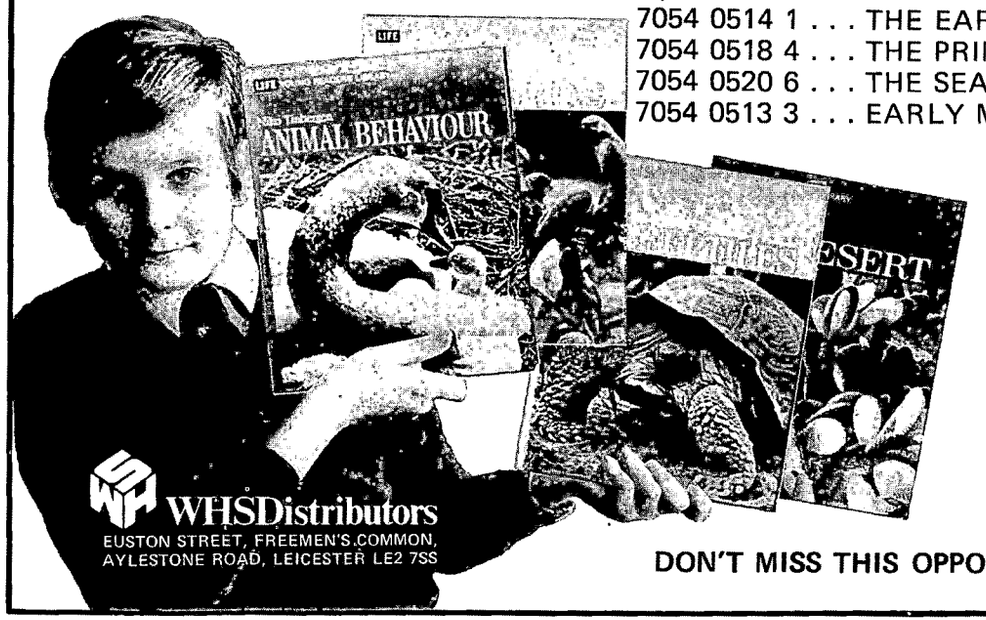

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Aslib course: On-line Techniques
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Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
Details and application form in July issue

7/11 Mon/Fri
Aslib course: Course on business information
Aslib
Fee: £65 Aslib members: £55
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
Details and application form in April issue

*9 Wed 14.30
Aslib Midlands Branch Meeting: The use of business and commercial on-line services, by A. G. McDine, Intelligence Section, ICI Wilton, Birmingham Public Library
Contact: Judith Blair, Commerce Centre Library, Birmingham Polytechnic, Aston Street, Birmingham B4 7HA

*10 Thurs 17.00 for 17.30
ASSIG (Social Sciences Information Group) Evening Meeting: Newspaper Libraries, by H. E. Cox, Ken Murphy and Steve Pinder
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

14/15 Mon/Tues
Aslib course: Introduction to Mechanisation
Aslib
Fee: £31 Aslib members: £26
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
Details and application form in July issue

*16 Wed 17.30 for 18.00
Economic and Business Information Group Meeting: Forum on Property
Aslib
Contact: Margaret Robertson, Information Centre, J. Walter Thompson Co Ltd, 40 Berkeley Square, London W1

18 Fri
Aslib course: Techniques of Reference Work
Aslib
Fee: £20 Aslib members: £16
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
Details and application form in June issue

*18 Fri 14.00
ASSIG (Social Sciences Information Group) Visit: Social Sciences Department, Birmingham Reference Library Birmingham
Contact: Susan Johnson, Centre for Studies in Social Policy, 62 Doughty Street, London WC1N 2LS

21 Mon 14.00
Informatics Group Seminar on Indexing
Aslib
Contact: K. P. Jones, MRPRA, Brickendonbury, Hertford SG13 8NP
Details later

23 Wed 17.00 for 17.30
Aslib Evening Meeting: 'Information on the EEC: how the EEC London Information Office can help you' by Valerie Williams, EEC UK Office
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
Leaflet with September issue

24 Thur
Aslib course: Working with Patents (with British Library Science Reference Library)
Chartered Institute of Patent Agents, London WC1
Fee: £21 Aslib members: £17
Details and application form in May issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

24 Thur 18.00
Aslib (with Library Association and IIS) Felix Liebesny Memorial Lecture
Council Chamber, Library Association, 7 Ridgmount Street, London WC1
Contact: Library Association
Details later

25 Fri 15.00
Technical Translation Group meeting and talk by Joan Matthews
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

28/30 Mon/Wed
Aslib course: Mechanised Current Awareness Systems
Aslib
Fee: £55 Aslib members: £45
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
Details and application form in August issue

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DECEMBER

*1 Thurs
15.00
Chemical Group Visit: Chemical Society Library
Burlington House, London W1
Contact: Valerie Hughes, UASC/315, Shell UK AS, Shell Centre, London SE1 7NA

2 Fri
18.00
Biological Group Sherry Party
with a viewing of a new exhibition 'Human Biology'
Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW1
Contact: Miss Childs, Information Section, British Gas, London Research Station, Michael Road, London SW6 2AD
Tel. 01 736 3344 ext 337

5 Mon
Aslib conference: Information for business: problems of availability and access
Geological Society of London, Piccadilly, W1
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
Programme and application form with August issue

5 Mon
17.00 for 17.30
ASSIG Evening Meeting and Lecture: M/s Knabe on Amnesty International Documentation Centre
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

5/7
Mon/Wed
Aslib course: Thesaurus Construction
Aslib
Fee: £39 Aslib members: £30
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
Details and application form in August issue

*7 Wed
14.30
Aslib Midlands Branch (with IIS) Meeting: Academics or apprentices: a forum for employers and students
Birmingham Public Library
Contact: Judith Blair, Commerce Centre Library, Birmingham Polytechnic, Aston Street, Birmingham B4 7HA

*8 Thurs
17.30 for 18.00
Economic and Business Information Group Meeting: The recruitment and selection of staff for library and information units, by Charles Taylor, City of Birmingham Polytechnic
Aslib
Contact: Margaret Robertson, Information Centre, J. Walter Thompson Co Ltd, 40 Berkeley Square, London W1

12/13
Mon/Tues
Aslib course: Official Publications
Aslib
Fee: £33 Aslib members: £27
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Details and application form in September issue

14/15
Aslib course: Input to Mechanized Systems in Libraries
Aslib
Fee: £41 Aslib members: £33
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
Details and application form in August issue

16 Fri
Scottish Branch Christmas Party, Edinburgh

19 Mon
Aslib Informatics Group/British Computer Society joint conference: Minicomputers and information retrieval
UMIST, Manchester
Contact: K. P. Jones, MRPRA, Brickendonbury, Hertford SG13 8NP

*21 Wed
17.30
Aslib Christmas Party
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1978
JANUARY

9 Mon
15.00
Informatics Group meeting: Criteria for selecting an indexing language
Ealing Technical College
Contact: John Shinbourne, School of Librarianship, Ealing Technical College, Woodlands Avenue, Acton W3 9DN
Details later

*11 Wed
18.00
Economic and Business Information Group Annual Party
Aslib
Contact: Frances Oldland, London Business School, Sussex Place, Regents Park, London NW1 4SA
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13 Fri
16.00 and
17.00
Technical Translation Group Annual General Meeting and Sherry Party
Aslib
Contact: Mrs. E. Bowden, Foreign Languages Services, UASC/22 Shell Centre, London SE1 7NA

*17 Tues
14.30
Aslib Midlands Branch Meeting: British Library Research and Special Libraries
Birmingham Polytechnic, Perry Barr
Contact: Judith Blair, Commerce Centre Library, Birmingham Polytechnic, Aston Street, Birmingham B4 7HA

17/20
Tues/Fri
Aslib course: Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
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18 Wed
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17.30
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*23
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Fee: £25 Aslib members: £18
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31–1 Feb
Tue/Wed
Aslib course: On-line Techniques
Aslib
Fee: £85 Aslib members: £70
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FEBRUARY

6/10
Mon/Fri
Aslib course: Senior Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
Aslib
Fee: £75 Aslib members: £60
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
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7 Tues
17.30 for
18.00
Economic and Business Information Group Meeting: Business Archives
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*20
Mon
Aslib course: Microforms in Libraries
NRCd. Hatfield
Fee: £30 Aslib members £25
Details and application form in October issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

*21 Tues
18.15
Aslib Midlands Branch Meeting: Micro-publishing and libraries in the future, by P. A. Thomas, Consumers Association
Birmingham Public Library
Contact: Judith Blair, Commerce Centre Library, Birmingham Polytechnic, Aston Street, Birmingham B4 7HA

28/
3 March
Tues/Fri
Aslib course: Classification and Indexing Systems
Aslib
Fee: £65 Aslib members: £50
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
Details and application form in August issue

MARCH

*14 Tues
Aslib Midlands Branch Annual General Meeting, Buffet Supper and Social Evening. Speaker: L. Wilson, Director of Aslib
Contact: Judith Blair, Commerce Centre Library, Birmingham Polytechnic, Aston Street, Birmingham B4 7HA

Calendar

22 Wed — Biological Group Visit: Monkswood Experimental Station
Huntingdon
Contact: Miss S. M. Childs, British Gas Research and Development Division, London Research Station, Michael Road, London SW6 2AD Tel. 01 936 3344 ext. 337

31/Apr 2 Fri/Sun — Electronics Group 20th Annual Conference
University of Sussex
Contact: K. N. Musk, Health and Safety Executive, HQ Library, Baynards House, Chepstow Place, Westbourne Grove, London W2 4TF

APRIL

7 Fri — Scottish Branch, AGM/one day Conference, Glasgow

*11/14 Tues/Fri — Aslib course: Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
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*17/21 Mon/Fri — Aslib course: Business Information Course
Aslib
Fee: £75 Aslib members: £60
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25/27 Tue/Thur — EURIM 3: a European conference on the contribution of users to planning and policy making for information systems and networks
Künstlerhaus, Munich
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
Announcement and call for questions with May issue.

MAY

*15/19 Mon/Fri — Aslib course: Senior Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
Aslib
Fee: £75 Aslib members: £60
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Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

*25/26 Thur/Fri — Aslib course: Introduction to the UDC
Aslib
Fee: £37 Aslib members £27
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JULY

*12 Wed — Aslib Midlands Branch Visit: National Vegetable Research Station
Wellesbourne, Warwicks
Contact: Judith Blair, Commerce Centre Library, Birmingham Polytechnic, Aston Street, Birmingham B4 7HA

SEPTEMBER

18/28 — FID 39th Conference and Congress
Edinburgh
Organised by Aslib
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19/22 Tue/Fri — Aslib 52nd Annual Conference, University of Edinburgh
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Aslib Activities

ASLIB MEMBERS

Membership Subscription Rates 1978

Since 1st January 1976 when the Aslib membership rates were last fixed there has been an increase in The Retail Price Index of over 30%. The Aslib Council has therefore found it necessary to approve increases in all subscription rates to take effect from 1st January 1978.

In considering the new rates Council took cognizance of the fact that since January 1974 the increase in The Retail Price Index has been of the order of 90% and the only increase in membership subscriptions since then has been one of approximately 15% in January 1976. To keep pace with inflation the rates in 1978 should rise by about 60% over the 1976 figures but it was felt that such a large increase in the present financial climate would be unacceptable to many members.

The increases agreed for 1978 have therefore been limited and will average 15% for UK members with corresponding increases for overseas members. Full details of the new rates will be sent to members as their subscriptions become due.

EURIM 3: a European conference on the contribution of users to planning and policy making for information systems and networks

25–27 April 1978, Künstlerhaus, Munich

The programme and registration form for EURIM 3 – containing details of sessions and speakers and advice about hotel and travel arrangements – will be available at the end of October. It will reach all members and subscribers with the November distribution of Aslib publications and copies can be obtained in advance of this by applying to the Conference Organizer, Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PL.

As its theme suggests, EURIM 3 is intended to give present and potential 'customers' of large information systems an opportunity to question and comment on the way in which such systems are being planned and put into operation. It should attract users of information systems, the data base producers and the system operators. The main heads of the programme – operations; compatibility and standardization; financing, pricing and cost effectiveness; education and training; international co-operation and co-operation between networks – will each be introduced by one or two keynote papers, designed to prepare the ground for a forum, during which the speakers and other experts (who include, Alex Tomberg, Martha Williams, R. Hjerppe, Professor W. Krumholz, John Page, Mme A. David, Stella Keenan, E. J. Brunenkant, Professor S. Abrahamsson) will discuss questions and brief statements submitted by delegates. Priority will be given to questions and statements submitted in advance and the value of the discussions will be largely dependent on the quality of these prepared contributions.

Such importance is attached to the discussion sessions as a means of studying mutual problems and sometimes divergent interests, that is has been decided to extend the closing date for the submission of questions or statements to 31 December. Questions selected – by a Programme Committee reflecting the national range of the sponsoring organizations – will be presented in full session by the questioners, whose names will appear in the final programme of the conference. Papers and discussion will be in English, French and German and simultaneous translation will be provided in these three languages.

An exhibition will run concurrently with the conference sessions and details of this can be obtained with the programme.

Experimental newsletter on education and training programmes for specialized information personnel

In May 1976 it was suggested by UNISIST that an international newsletter on education and training programmes should be published. This idea has now been taken up by Unesco, and the F.I.D. has agreed to publish an experimental issue as a supplement to the *FID News Bulletin* in November 1977. Aslib has agreed to act as the coordinating office for material from the United Kingdom. If the experimental issue is judged to be a success, then the bulletin will be published on a regular basis.

The Newsletter will cover developments in education and training in the areas of information science, documentation, libraries and archives.

The following are some of the categories on which information may be given:

1. reports on meetings of international bodies concerned with education and training,
2. reports on surveys or inventories of training courses, seminars, workshops etc,
3. courses organized by international organizations or open to an international audience (announcements, reports),
4. national courses and programmes which are open or may be of interest to developing countries (announcements, reports),
5. technical assistance programmes sponsored by international governmental or non-governmental organizations,
6. technical assistance programmes sponsored by governments, foundations, universities, etc. scholarships, fellowships,
7. reports on selected national programmes (education and training trends),
8. announcements of significant new programmes/courses of single institutions,
9. news about major publications on relevant educational problems and new education/training materials.

Anybody who has forthcoming events or programmes which they feel would be of interest to an international audience and would like to draw attention to it should send details to Mr. Jack Bird, Education Officer, Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PL.

Aslib Activities

ASLIB MIDLANDS BRANCH

A programme of meetings for 1977/78 has been issued. These include:

October 4 — *Trade and Industry, the Whys and Wherefores.*

November 9 — *The use of Business and Commercial on-line Services*

December 7 — *Academics or Apprentices? a forum for employers and students.*

January 17 — *British Library Research and Special Libraries.*

February 21 — *Micro publishing and Libraries in the future.*

For further information contact Judith Blair, Hon. Secretary, Aslib Midlands Branch, Commerce Centre Library, Birmingham B4 7HA. Tel: 021 359 6851. Ext. 236 or 238.

ASLIB INFORMATICS GROUP

Miniconference on minicomputers for information retrieval

A joint meeting with the British Computer Society's Information Retrieval Specialist Group has been arranged for 19 December at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology. The formal meeting will begin at 11 am and end by 5 pm to allow arrival from London by the morning train. Coffee will be available from 10.30 and a light lunch will be provided. The conference fee (includes lunch) is £3.50.

Systems described will include CAIRS, STATUS and MORPHS plus a very small system which has been developed within the Department of Chemistry at University College, Cardiff. Speakers will include Dr. M. J. E. Hewlins, John Saunders and Kevin Jones.

Please apply for attendance together with the conference fee of £3.50 to Mrs. Barbara Kostrewski, Treasurer, Aslib Informatics Group (City University, Centre for Information Science, St. John Street, London EC1M 4PB), by not later than 2 December. Invoices will not be issued.

BRITISH FILM INSTITUTE

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A qualified librarian is required in the National Film Archive to carry out descriptive cataloguing and subject indexing according to U.D.C. of films in preservation. The Cataloguer will view films, and be responsible for the verification of data and descriptive cataloguing, and candidates must have an aptitude for accurate original research. ALA qualification is essential.

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INFORMATION SPECIALIST

Applications are invited for a SPECIALIST IN INFORMATION SYSTEM to head an Industrial Data Bank that is being established in the Gulf Organization for Industrial Consulting. The work responsibility will include the detailed designing, execution and setting up of this data bank. The bank activities will cover data collection, packaging information, assessment analysis and synthesis of technological and other information related to industrial development.

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Gulf Organization For Industrial Consulting
P.O. Box 5114,
Doha — Qatar

AEBIG News

Aslib Economic and Business Information Group

Please send all contributions for the page to: Megan Thomas, Information and Research Officer, Allied International Designers Ltd., 10 Rathbone Place, London, W1P 2DN. Tel: 01-580 8465. Our deadline date for each issue is the 20th of the preceding month.

AEBIG meeting on business publishing 7 September 1977

'A business for the gambler', was how Alastair Graham, one of the speakers at AEBIG's September meeting, summed up business publishing. Other speakers were Philip Kogan of Kogan Page Publishers and Roger Coghill of Jordan Dataquest, who replaced John McLachlan at short notice. The meeting was chaired by Gerry Smith.

The first speaker, Philip Kogan, spoke about the economics of publishing. He emphasized that, since publishing is geared largely to the techniques of mass production, the business publisher faces particular difficulty in his effort to create markets for specialized studies.

The high publishing costs of such studies compared with those of non-business books are accounted for by a number of factors: high fees paid to specialist authors; the often lengthy process of compilation; business publishers' dependence on expensive marketing techniques such as direct mailing; higher rates of trade discount in many of the overseas markets on which business publishers rely for a high proportion of their sales. Indeed he claimed that his own company spent more on marketing books than on producing them and he agreed with Alastair Graham's suggestion that many business books are, in fact, 'underpriced' and compare favourably with similar continental publications.

Following on from Philip Kogan's remarks about the financial risks involved in business publishing, Alastair Graham, managing director of Graham and Trotman, emphasised the 'need to get the formula right'. In an attempt to do just that Graham and Trotman have tended to specialize in producing books of topical interest and standard reference books and directions which are regularly up-dated. Another important influence on editorial policy has been the need to appeal to lucrative overseas markets. This has resulted in their concentration on subject areas in which British expertise is recognised world-wide, in particular, sources of information on finance, oil, industrial technology and information on the Middle East.

Reverting to some of the earlier points made about the high cost of business books, Alastair Graham described Graham and Trotman's marketing methods. He claimed that direct mailing, though expensive, was still the best cost effective way of selling business books but he did mention plans for introducing personal sales techniques to potential City customers.

His remark also included criticism of booksellers for their lack of cooperation in promoting business books and the unresponsive attitude of the business press towards book reviewing and he concluded with a plea for greater communication between publishers and their customers.

This view was endorsed by the final speaker, Roger Coghill, who stressed the importance of contact between the producers and consumers of business literature. He argued that greater feedback from consumers would result in – reduction of marketing costs, product improvement and greater financial profits for publishers which, he assured his audience, would be ploughed back into further business expansion!

Companies House

The microfilming of company records has followed the Biblical rule 'the first shall be last and the last shall be first', and the CRO is now working through the files of companies numbered between 200,000 and 1. These files, the most bulky and battered because of age, are held in City Road in London until ready to be microfilmed when they are moved to Cardiff for storage. The process is expected to take about another six months. Meanwhile the AEBIG Committee has decided to press for the early introduction of the postal sales service promised by Mr. Clinton Davis in a Parliamentary written answer a year ago (*Hansard* 12th October 1976, written answers column 105).

If the CRO limited access to the postal sales service to libraries and institutions subscribing to the monthly microfiche index the transaction would differ scarcely at all from a counter transaction at Companies House. To make such a restriction would follow what the National Lending Library did when it was set up in the early 60's and would be for the same reasons. If the Companies Act 1976 is to be fully effective the information collected by the CRO must be more easily available to help commercial organizations and the consumers throughout all the country. There is also a need to educate many in the provinces on the value of the microfiche service.

What of the costs? Mr. Clinton Davis is on record as saying this would be the ordinary search fee (at present 5p but liable to change as a result of the 1976 Act) plus the postage. This seems reasonable.

Another interesting development likely to come from the CRO early in 1978 is the sale of the microfiche numerical index already in existence but only used by the backroom staff in Cardiff and London. The numerical index has two-line entries – the name of the firm opposite the number, and the address of the registered office on the line below. We have estimated that the annual cost would be £300. The time saving in O and M terms of having one comprehensive, authoritative, up-to-date to within a month, source for addresses would tempt many to pay this and a little more if necessary. The reason for not putting addresses on the alphabetical index is that it would turn the entries into two lines and either halve the number of indexes for public use at Companies House or double the number of machines. The latter would create accommodation problems at City Road.

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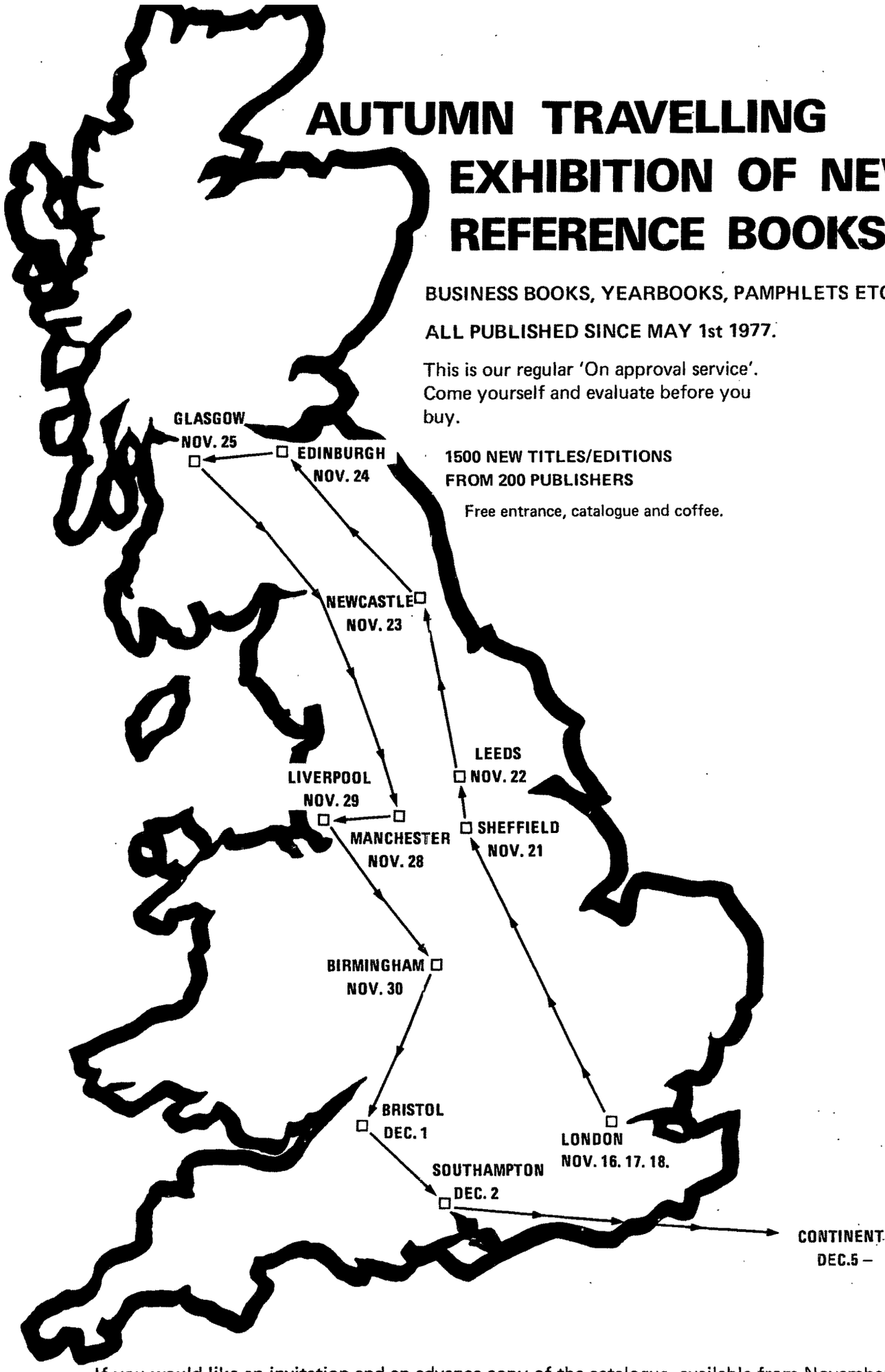

If you would like an invitation and an advance copy of the catalogue, available from November 11th, please write to:- Exhibition Organiser, Alan Armstrong and Associates Ltd., (The Business School Bookshop), 8 Queen Victoria Street, Reading, RG1 1TG. 0734 56007. Telex 27461.

News

Library Advisory Council (England): meeting of 6 July 1977

Working party on library services to the disadvantaged

The Council was informed that the Working Party's current time-table was being adhered to and that its Report would be available for the Council's November meeting.

The six counties study

It was reported that the Report had now been completed and submitted to the Minister. The Report was to be sent for comment to each of the six counties involved.

The situation statement

It was reported that the latest version of the Statement was now available from DES on request.

Expenditure on public libraries

Following discussion of the Secretary of State's reply to the Chairman's letter about the way in which current economic constraints were affecting public libraries, it was agreed that he should write again to her re-affirming the Council's serious concern at the situation.

Working party on local library co-operation

Members were informed that a favourable initial response had been received from the British Library following an approach to them by the Working Party to conduct a 'State of the Art' survey on the degree of co-operation already taking place in the library world.

The British Library and the costs of inter-library loans

Members noted the paper on the economics of borrowing from the British Library Lending Division and suggested that the Council's Working Party on Local Library Co-operation should give consideration to the relative economics of borrowing on inter-library loan.

The Whitford Committee on copyright and design

The Council was aware of the Working Parties which had been set up by SCONUL and by the Library Association and decided to defer any discussion on this topic until the reports of these working parties were available.

British Computer Library

An agreement has been made between the Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE) and the British Computer Society (BCS) that the IEE will take over the responsibility for the housing and the running of the BCS library. The facilities of both the IEE library and the BCS library will be available to the members of both institutions. This will give the members of both the IEE and the BCS equal access to two of the most important collections in their subject fields.

The IEE library consists of 30,000 books and 600 current periodicals, and its Librarian John Gurnsey sees no problem in extending his operation to cover the BCS library requirements. Last year this involved 3,500 photocopies, 2,100 personal loans, 450 postal loans and 2,500 other enquiries. 'We shall be able to cope and feel confident that BCS members will find the new arrangement as satisfactory as the old one' he says.

The BCS library will complete the move to its new home by 14 October and will be open for business on 17 October. The postal address is Savoy Place, London WC2. Tel: 01-240-1871.

MAGB micropublishing seminar, Oxford Polytechnic

The Microfilm Association of Great Britain organized a one-day seminar on micropublishing at Oxford Polytechnic on 7 September. About 100 people attended, many of them representing producers and sellers of services rather than users/librarians. The opening address was given by S. J. Teague, and eight papers were presented. Charles Chadwyck-Healey outlined his company's micropublishing programme, with particular reference to art catalogues. R. J. Millson discussed progress in a British Library-sponsored study of synopsis journal publishing at the Institution of Mechanical Engineers. Mrs Sybil Richardson of the University of Chicago Press showed how text/fiche can be the best medium for certain fields where nomenclature has had to be developed to convey information which could better be expressed visually, such as botany and archaeology. Wilf Deakin, of J. Whitaker & Sons Ltd, traced the development work leading to the forthcoming monthly publication of *British Books in Print* on microfiche and indicated its relationship to the other publications of the company. After lunch, G. S. Gilmour, Deputy Librarian of Oxford Polytechnic, discussed some applications of microforms at the Polytechnic. Three aspects were covered: the use of the GLC's ACOMPLIS index; the filming of theses for loan and the filming of student records. Alan Laitt reviewed the services to libraries of Blackwell's Microform Division, dealing with current subscriptions, backfiles and research collections. A scholarly paper by Alan Horder of NRCd on the state-of-the-art in colour microfilm unfortunately had to be cut short to fit in with the programme, but will later appear in *Reprographics Quarterly*. Finally, a new development, audio fiche (microfiche in colour with sound) was demonstrated by Vaughan Waller of Revox/FWO Bauch Ltd. Unlikely to be much used in special libraries, this is however a useful educational aid.

The papers were followed by some lively discussion on topics ranging from VAT on microforms to the promotion of microform to the general public for home use. An exhibition by the principal micropublishers showed the range of publications now available on microform. *Valerie Gilbert, Aslib Librarian.*

Association of Assistant Librarians

The Report of the Working Party on the Future of Professional Qualifications will be the main feature of the Annual General Meeting of the Yorkshire and Humberside Division of the Association of Assistant Librarians in January. The speakers will be Lorna Paulin and Tom Featherstone, both members of the Implementation Board set up by the Working Party to smooth out the practical aspects of the Report's recommendations. Miss Paulin, of course, succeeded Ronald Sturt as Chairman of the Working Party during its latter stages, and both she and Mr. Featherstone will be well-equipped to answer any points arising from the Report.

The Report is likely to affect everyone connected with librarianship and the meeting will offer divisional AAL members an excellent opportunity to put forward a 'grass-roots' reaction to its implications.

The venue is the Main Hall, Rotherham Central Library at 14.30 on Thursday 26 January 1978. Further details are available from Terry Hanstock, Central Library, Sheffield S1 1XZ. Tel: (0742) 734742-4. Telex: 54243.

Library association: London and Home Counties branch – 1977 Senior Librarians Award

The London and Home Counties Branch is again offering the Senior Librarians Award in 1977 at a value of up to £800, for use in 1978. The Award is available to Chartered Librarians with at least seven years' experience since election to the Register, and is normally awarded for use on personal research into specific areas of librarianship or information work or into practical problems the solution of which is likely to result in improved library service either for users or staff. The Award may be used for travel, and in previous years proposals for research which have attracted grants from the Branch Committee have included studies of various aspects of libraries in Japan, Europe, the Middle East and North America.

It is proposed this year to widen the scope of the Award and accept applications from Chartered Librarians from a wider field. Applications are, therefore, now invited for this Award from intending candidates anywhere in the United Kingdom, to recognise the Branch's services to the profession nationally, and the national and international contribution made by the Branch's award schemes.

Full details and application forms are available from the Hon. Publicity Officer of the Branch, Mark Lunt, Central Library, Fairfield Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT1 2PS. Tel: 01-549 0226. The closing date for applications is 31st December, 1977. Applicants will be interviewed by the Branch's Awards Sub-Committee early in 1977, and the successful applicants will be presented with a cheque at the A.G.M. of the Branch in February for use in 1978.

EXTEL

Among Aslib's new members are Extel Statistical Services Ltd. of 37–45 Paul Street, London, EC2A 4PB. They are the publishers of the well known Extel cards and books on the theme of company information. They have offered to allow members of Aslib a special discount of 5 per cent on any Company searches which members wish to have made. Scale of charges and all particulars can be obtained by telephoning the Extel Search section on 01-253 3400.

U.K. Patents Act 1977

A new United Kingdom Patents Act has completed its passage through Parliament and has received the Royal Assent. The New Act is not yet in force and the Rules under which the Patent Office will operate the Act are not expected to be published for some time. It is anticipated that the new Act will come into force on the same day that the European Patent Office opens to receive applications. At present that is expected to be 1st June 1978.

Generally, the new U.K. Act brings the law into conformity with the European Patent Convention and, furthermore, the Act includes provisions for the recognition in the United Kingdom of patents granted by the European Patent Office on applications which include the United Kingdom in the list of countries designated.

LISA on-line

Library and Information Science Abstracts (LISA) is now accessible on-line on the SDC Orbit system. The file contains citations from 1969, when LISA was first published, and abstracts from 1976 onwards. Approximately half the abstracts are prepared by the staff of Aslib Library, from where the source material may be obtained. The machine-readable version is made available by Learned Information Ltd in cooperation with the Library Association, who publish the hard copy edition.

Autumn 1977 Exhibition of New Reference Books and Business Titles

Alan Armstrong & Associates – The Business School Bookshop, will hold their fourth biannual touring exhibition of new reference books from November 16 to December 10. Two hundred British-based publishers will display new reference and business books published since May this year. Catalogues and invitations are available on request.

Entrance to the exhibition is free and coffee is provided.

The dates and locations are:

London	– Nov. 16, 17, 18 London Business School
Sheffield	– Nov. 21 Sheffield City Poly., Management Dept.
Leeds	– Nov. 22 Commercial Library, Leeds Central Library
Newcastle	– Nov. 23 Newcastle Poly., Dept. of Business Studies
Edinburgh	– Nov. 24 Institute of Chartered Accountants
Glasgow	– Nov. 25 Strathclyde Business School
Manchester	– Nov. 28 Manchester Business School
Liverpool	– Nov. 29 Merseyside Chamber of Commerce, Liverpool
Birmingham	– Nov. 30 Faraday Hall, Engineering & Building Centre
Bristol	– Dec. 1 Imperial Group Management Centre, Bristol
Southampton	– Dec. 2 Southampton Chamber of Commerce
Rotterdam	– Dec. 6
Delft	– Dec. 7
Amsterdam	– Dec. 8, 9

Invitations and catalogues available from Nigel Oxbrow, Manager, The Business School Bookshop, Sussex Place, Regent's Park, London NW1. Tel: 01-262 5050 ext. 339, telex 27461 or 847423.

CONFERENCE

ACRL Boston 1978 – The Association of College and Research Libraries will present its first national conference in Boston on 8–11 November, 1978. The conference, with the theme *New horizons for academic libraries* will focus on the future prospects for academic and research librarianship in the United States. There will be a variety of program meetings, exhibits by publishers and library, media and information center equipment suppliers, special functions at other area institutions, and organized tours to various libraries and information centers in the greater Boston area. The conference will be held in the Boston-Sheraton Hotel, centrally located in Boston's Prudential Center.

A major feature of the conference will be the sessions for contributed papers. These papers should relate broadly to the major theme of the conference. Possible topics include, but are not limited to, the following: Administration and Management of Libraries, Economic Support for Libraries, Technology and Libraries, Cooperation and Networking, The Role of the Library in the Institution, The Role of the Academic Librarian, Resources and Services, etc.

All submitted papers will be refereed, and those accepted will be scheduled for presentation at the conference. Authors must be present to deliver their papers. Authors who plan to submit papers should be aware of the following deadlines:

Notice of Intent to Submit	November 30, 1977
Submission of Completed Manuscript	February 28, 1978
Notification of Acceptance	May 31, 1978

Those interested in submitting a paper should address that intent, with tentative title and a brief description of the content to: Irma Y. Johnson, Charles Hayden Memorial Library, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA 02138.

Inquiries about exhibit space should be addressed to: Joseph deBerry, CHOICE, 100 Riverview Center, Middletown, CT 06457. All other correspondence should be sent to: Julie Virgo, Executive Secretary of ACRL, American Library Association, 50 East Huron, Chicago, IL 60611.

7th IATUL Conference – Developing Library Effectiveness for the Next Decade

The 7th IATUL Conference was held 16–21 May, 1977 at Leuven in Belgium. The theme of the Conference was 'Developing Library Effectiveness for the Next Decade'. The Conference was attended by some 60 representatives from 16 different countries.

The opening topic – Management and Libraries – was introduced by the President of IATUL, Mr. G. A. Hamel. This topic was followed by a number of sessions dealing with various aspects of techniques for libraries such as the collection of management information, and library effectiveness in relation to automated systems. The Conference continued with sessions devoted to management techniques and library operations, ranging from the principles of cost/benefit analysis, user studies, the relation of user education to the effectiveness of library performance, the steady state of acquisitions, surveys of periodical use, personnel management, interaction with national and international library resources, problems of centralization contra decentralization in the university library. Performance evaluation was treated with discussions on the role and contribution of a research management information unit in a large library and the position of the library in the academic environment. One morning was devoted to an Open session on 'The future activities of IATUL'. The Conference was characterized by lively discussion and suggestions for inter-library cooperation. It is hoped that these suggestions will lead to practical results in the near future. The Conference Proceedings will be published within a short time and copies can be ordered from the editor: Nancy Fjällbrant The Library, Chalmers University of Technology, Fack, S-402 20 Göteborg 5, Sweden.

News

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Management Research News – an experimental synoptic journal in management research is being developed for publication in four issues in 1978. The essence of the new publication is that it will communicate useful management research information to the practising business community by publishing concise and readable synopses of about 1000 words gathered from research establishments in Britain, Europe, and the U.S.A. with an address for contact with the author for further details or a complete paper.

The objective of the project is to test the ability of a synoptic publication to bridge the academic-industrial information gap by presenting research news and results in an informative, concise, and readable format. It is intended to obtain during the first experimental year of publication a wide range of evaluative comment from businessmen, consultants, academics, researchers, librarians, and others concerned with the problem of printed communication in management. The results of the investigation will be written up as a project report for a Diploma in Management Studies at Birklands Management Centre, Hatfield Polytechnic. As the publication is not subsidized in any way, it will be wholly dependent on subscription revenue for its existence and survival. Anyone interested in taking part in the evaluation who would be willing to pay the very modest subscription of £10 p.a. should write to the journal's editor, David Barr (DMS 110), Birklands Management Centre, 330 London Road, St. Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1ED.

NEW FID PUBLICATIONS

Quantitative and Qualitative Analyse der Wissenschaftlich-Technischen Periodischen Weltliteratur

Moskau, All-Unions Institut für Wissenschaftliche und Technische Information, 1976, 26p. (FID Publication 545), *f*7.50 or US$3.00

This report provides a contents analysis of periodicals, 15,000 titles, published in 96 countries and in 66 languages. The content of each periodical is indicated by a UDC number. In this way the thematical contents are determined as well as eventual borderline material.

On effectiveness of Scientific Information Activities: collection of papers, edited by A.I. Mikhailov

Moscow, FID/RI Research on the Theoretical Basis of Information, 1976, 152p. (FID Publication 527) (FID/RI Problems of Information Science, Volume 4) *f*30.00 or US$12.50

A collection containing the following chapters: Effectiveness of scientific and technical information systems, A. Merta and M. Königova; Efficiency of scientific information, Gy. Rosza; Scientific and technical information and effectiveness of science management, G.M. Dobrov and A.A. Korennoi; The Efficiency of information storage and retrieval systems for scientific research activities, T. Kitagava; Information and effectiveness (in Russian and English), Yu.A. Shreider; The cost of Bradfords, S.E. Robertson; and Structures for the flow of information, A. Gilchrist.

For the papers in English only a Russian summary is included.

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Don't forget! We are having a meeting on November 25th, when Miss Joan Matthews (now retired but still working as hard as ever) will be talking about her career as a translator and answering your questions. The AGM and Sherry Party have been arranged for January 13th 1978. Come along and let the Committee hear your views/suggestions/ criticisms. We welcome them.

E. Bowden, Secretary

Meeting

M E M B E R S ' C H R I S T M A S P A R T Y

Members are invited to Aslib Headquarters on Wednesday, 21 December 1977 from 5.30 to 7.00 pm for the Annual CHRISTMAS PARTY. Wine (and soft drinks for non-wine bibbers) and snacks, will be served by the staff.

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AN INTRODUCTION TO THE UNIVERSAL DECIMAL CLASSIFICATION

A two-day course for beginners by

A G Brown, BA, DipLib, AIInfSc,
School of Library, Archive and Information Studies,
University College London

25 - 26 May 1978

The Universal Decimal Classification is still one of the most widely used classifications in special libraries and information departments in this country in spite of the development and popularity of newer methods of information retrieval. It has even proved itself suitable for use on computer systems. But as with all retrieval systems, the quality of a U.D.C. index is dependent on the work of the people entrusted with its construction. The classification is very flexible, but successful use depends on a proper understanding of the underlying principles, and a grasp of the consequences of adopting various strategies in applying it.

This course is intended for people using or intending to use the classification, and with no formal training in classification or indexing: it aims to give them sufficient understanding of the classification to use it with confidence and consistency to produce a workmanlike catalogue or index.

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P R O G R A M M E

Thursday, 25 May

09.30 hrs	The basic requirements of subject indexing. Hierarchical classification - principles and practice.
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12.30 hrs	Break for lunch
14.00 hrs to 17.00 hrs	The structure of the U.D.C: enumeration, synthesis, auxiliary devices, compound numbers.
	(break for tea at 15.15 hrs)

Friday, 26 May

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Monday, 23 January 1978
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This course is intended for those responsible for organising collections of trade literature and providing product information, whether in libraries, information departments, purchasing departments or design departments. It aims at providing them with information on which they can come to decisions on the best ways of handling product information in their own organisations, and ensuring its maximum exploitation. As well as reviewing current practices and the services available the course will also consider possible future developments.

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09.30 hrs	Introduction - the importance of product information by Dr A J Barrett, Engineering Sciences Data Unit
09.45 hrs	Building a trade literature collection
10.30 hrs	Break for coffee
10.45 hrs	Organising and indexing a collection by Jack Burkett, School of Librarianship, Ealing Technical College
12.30 hrs	Break for lunch
13.45 hrs	Product information problems, including package services by Dr R A Wall, Deputy Librarian, Loughborough University of Technology
15.00 hrs	Break for tea
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MICROFORMS IN LIBRARIES

an appreciation course

in conjunction with the National Reprographic Centre for Documentation

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20 February 1978

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12.30 hrs	Break for lunch
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Course

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a course for librarians and information officers.

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Some library operations tend to generate large volumes of output, and this course is concerned with the technical capability and comparative cost of the various options available for presenting this output, and the effect of these factors on systems design. It is intended for information and library staff who are involved in systems mechanization and have some prior knowledge of the art, and who will be concerned with the planning, selection and implementation of the various output techniques. The course combines lectures on general principles, accounts of various types of equipment by experts in the field, and case studies of particular applications. A small exhibition of various forms of output will be on display.

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Calendar

DECEMBER

1 Thurs
15.00
Chemical Group Visit: Chemical Society Library
Burlington House, London W1
Contact: Valerie Hughes, UASC/315, Shell UK AS,
Shell Centre, London SE1 7NA

2 Fri
18.00
Biological Group Sherry Party
with a viewing of a new exhibition
'Human Biology'
Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road,
London SW1
Contact: Miss Childs, Information Section, British Gas,
London Research Station, Michael Road, London SW6 2AD
Tel: 01 736 3344 ext 337

5 Mon
Aslib conference: Information for business: problems of availability and access
Geological Society of London, Piccadilly, W1
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Programme and application form with August issue

5 Mon
17.00 for
17.30
ASSIG Evening Meeting and Lecture: M/s Knabe on
Amnesty International Documentation Centre
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib

5/7
Mon/Wed
Aslib course: Thesaurus Construction
Aslib
Fee: £39 Aslib members: £30
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
Details and application form in August issue

7 Wed
14.30
Aslib Midlands Branch (with IIS) Meeting: Academics or apprentices: a forum for employers and students
Birmingham Public Library
Contact: Judith Blair, Commerce Centre Library,
Birmingham Polytechnic, Aston Street, Birmingham B4 7HA

8 Thurs
14.00
Economic and Business Information Group Meeting:
The recruitment and selection of staff for library and information units, by Charles Taylor, City of Birmingham Polytechnic
Aslib
Contact: Margaret Robertson, Information Centre,
J. Walter Thompson Co Ltd, 40 Berkeley Square, London W1

12/13
Mon/Tues
Aslib course: Official Publications
Aslib
Fee: £33 Aslib members: £27
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
Details and application form in September issue

14/15
Aslib course: Input to Mechanized Systems in Libraries
Aslib
Fee: £41 Aslib members: £33
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
Details and application form in August issue

16 Fri
Scottish Branch Christmas Party, Edinburgh

19 Mon
Aslib Informatics Group/British Computer Society joint conference: Minicomputers and information retrieval
UMIST, Manchester
Contact: K. P. Jones, MRPRA, Brickendonbury,
Hertford SG13 8NP

21 Wed
17.30
Aslib Christmas Party
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Leaflet with October issue

1978
JANUARY

9 Mon
15.00
Informatics Group meeting: Criteria for selecting an indexing language
Ealing Technical College
Contact: John Shinbourne, School of Librarianship,
Ealing Technical College, Woodlands Avenue,
Acton W3 9DN

11 Wed
18.00
Economic and Business Information Group Annual Party
Aslib
Contact: Frances Oldland, London Business School,
Sussex Place, Regents Park, London NW1 4SA
01 262 5050

13 Fri
16.00 and
17.00
Technical Translation Group Annual General Meeting and Sherry Party
Aslib
Contact: Mrs. E. Bowden, Foreign Languages Services,
UASC/22 Shell Centre, London SE1 7NA

Calendar

17 Tues 14.30
Aslib Midlands Branch Meeting: British Library Research and Special Libraries
Birmingham Polytechnic, Perry Barr
Contact: Judith Blair, Commerce Centre Library, Birmingham Polytechnic, Aston Street, Birmingham B4 7HA

17/20 Tues/Fri
Aslib course: Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
Aslib
Fee: £65 Aslib members: £50
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
Details and application form in August issue

18 Wed 17.00 for 17.30
Aslib Evening Meeting: Technology push and social threat in the paperless revolution, by A. E. Cawkell, ISI
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Leaflet with November/December issue

*19 Thurs
Computer Information Group Conference: EURONET and users
Library Association, 7 Ridgmount Street, London WC1
Contact: F. C. A. Exon, Centre for Research on User Studies, University of Sheffield, School of Librarianship, Western Bank, Sheffield.

23 Mon
Aslib course: Product Information
Aslib
Fee: £25 Aslib members: £18
Details and application form in October issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

*26 Thurs
Biological Group Visit: Wellcome Medical Research Laboratory Beckenham
Contact: Miss S. M. Childs, British Gas R & D Division, London Research Station, Michael Road, London SW6 2AD

31/1 Feb Tue/Wed
Aslib course: On-line Techniques
Aslib
Fee: £85 Aslib members: £70
Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

FEBRUARY

6/10 Mon/Fri
Aslib course: Senior Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
Aslib
Fee: £75 Aslib members: £60
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
Details and application form in August issue

7 Tues 17.30 for 18.00
Economic and Business Information Group Meeting: Business Archives
Aslib
Contact: Margaret Robertson, Information Centre, J. Walter Thompson Co Ltd, 40 Berkeley Square, London W1

14/15 Tue/Wed
Aslib course: Output Techniques
Aslib
Fee: £55 Aslib members: £40
Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

15 Wed 17.00 for 17.30
Aslib Evening Meeting
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Details later

*17 Fri 15.00
Technical Translation Group Meeting
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Details later

20 Mon
Aslib course: Microforms in Libraries
NRCd Hatfield
Fee: £30 Aslib members £25
Details and application form in October issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

*20 Mon 15.00 for 15.15
Informatics Group Meeting
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Details later

21 Tues 18.15
Aslib Midlands Branch Meeting: Micro-publishing and libraries in the future, by P. A. Thomas, Consumers Association
Birmingham Public Library
Contact: Judith Blair, Commerce Centre Library, Birmingham Polytechnic, Aston Street, Birmingham B4 7HA

*23/24 Thu/Fri
Aslib course (with British Library): Inter-library Loans: how to succeed
Fee: £30 (Aslib members & BLLD registered borrowers only)
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
Details and application form in November/December issue

28/ 3 March Tues/Fri
Aslib course: Classification and Indexing Systems
Aslib
Fee: £65 Aslib members: £50
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
Details and application form in August issue

MARCH

*7/9 Tue/Thur
Aslib course: Thesaurus Construction
Aslib
Fee: £42.00 (Aslib members: £33.00)
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
Details and application form in November/December issue

14 Tues
Aslib Midlands Branch Annual General Meeting, Buffet Supper and Social Evening. Speaker: L. Wilson, Director of Aslib
Contact: Judith Blair, Commerce Centre Library, Birmingham Polytechnic, Aston Street, Birmingham B4 7HA

*17 Fri 15.00
Technical Translation Group Meeting
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Details later

22 Wed
Biological Group Visit: Monkswood Experimental Station Huntingdon
Contact: Miss S. M. Childs, British Gas Research and Development Division, London Research Station, Michael Road, London SW6 2AD Tel. 01 936 3344 ext. 337

31/2 Apr Fri/Sun
Electronics Group 20th Annual Conference
University of Sussex
Contact: K. N. Musk, Health and Safety Executive, HQ Library, Baynards House, Chepstow Place, Westbourne Grove, London W2 4TF

APRIL

*4/6 Tues/Thurs
Informatics Group Conference: Informatics 5
City University, London EC1
Contact: Verina Horsnell, Centre for Information Science, City University, St. John Street, London EC1

7 Fri
Scottish Branch, AGM/one day Conference, Glasgow

11/14 Tues/Fri
Aslib course: Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
Aslib
Fee: £65 Aslib members: £50
Details and application form in October issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

17/21 Mon/Fri
Aslib course: Business Information Course
Aslib
Fee: £75 Aslib members: £60
Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

*24/26 Mon/Wed
Aslib course: Social Sciences Information
Aslib
Fee: £46 (£36 to Aslib members)
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
Details later

25/27 Tue/Thur
EURIM 3: a European conference on the contribution of users to planning and policy making for information systems and networks
Künstlerhaus, Munich
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Programme and registration form with November/December issue

*28 Fri 15.00
Technical Translation Group Meeting
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Details later

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*8 Mon
15.00 for
15.15
Informatics Group Meeting
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer
Details later

*12 Fri
15.00
Technical Translation Group Meeting
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Details later

15/19
Mon/Fri
Aslib course: Senior Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
Aslib
Fee: £75 Aslib members: £60
Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

25/26
Thur/Fri
Aslib course: Introduction to the UDC
Aslib
Fee: £37 Aslib members £27
Details and application form in October issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

JULY

12 Wed
Aslib Midlands Branch Visit: National Vegetable Research Station
Wellesbourne, Warwicks
Contact: Judith Blair, Commerce Centre Library, Birmingham Polytechnic, Aston Street, Birmingham B4 7HA

*11/14
Tues/Fri
Engineering Group Conference: Product data – the planning of a national service
Cranfield Institute of Technology, Bedford
Contact: A. W. Rider, Room 14, Science Reference Library, Bayswater Division, 10 Porchester Gardens, London W2 4DE
Details later

SEPTEMBER

18/28
FID 39th Conference and Congress
Edinburgh
Organized by Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib

19/22
Tue/Fri
Aslib 52nd Annual Conference, University of Edinburgh
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib

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EURIM 3: a European conference on the contribution of users to planning and policy making for information systems and networks

25–27 April 1978, Künstlerhaus, Munich

The programme and registration form for EURIM 3 – containing details of sessions and speakers and advice about hotel and travel arrangements – was published in November and will reach all members and subscribers with the November/December distribution of Aslib publications, as well as receiving wide publicity in the countries of our sponsoring organizations and further afield.

As its theme suggests, EURIM 3 is intended to give present and potential 'customers' of large information systems an opportunity to question and comment on the way in which such systems are being planned and put into operation. It should attract users of information systems, the data base producers and the system operators. The main heads of the programme will each be introduced by one or two keynote papers, designed to prepare the ground for a forum, during which the speakers and other experts will discuss questions and brief statements submitted by delegates. Such importance is attached to these discussion sessions as a means of studying mutual problems and sometimes divergent interests, that it has been decided to extend the closing date for the submission of questions or statements to 31 December. Questions selected will be presented in full session by the questioners, whose names will appear in the final programme of the conference. Papers and discussion will be in English, French and German and simultaneous translation will be provided in these three languages.

An exhibition will run concurrently with the conference sessions and details of this can be obtained with the programme.

The Künstlerhaus – a unique building in a style that harmonizes with the old rather than the new architecture of Munich – is centrally placed less than 10 minutes walk from the station and the terminus of the airport bus and a number of suitable hotels in the heart of the historic Alstadt. The Munich Tourist Board will advise and handle hotel bookings and a hotel booking form will be sent to all those registering for the conference, as well as information about a special travel and hotel package negotiated for travellers from the United Kingdom.

Further information and copies of the programme can be obtained from the Conference Organizer, Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PL.

Aslib 52nd Annual Conference

19–22 September 1978, University of Edinburgh

The theme of Aslib's 52nd Annual Conference, to be held from 19–22 September 1978, at the University of Edinburgh, will be *Information: presentation, politics and power.* Running concurrently with FID's Committees, Council and Seminar and immediately followed by the 39th Congress of FID, there will be the opportunity for those travelling to take part in the FID activities to sample an Aslib Conference, while many Aslib members may be tempted to stay on in Edinburgh to enjoy FID's different but in many ways complementary programme.

Two circumstances influenced the initial thinking of the committee planning Aslib's Conference programme. 1978 is the thirtieth anniversary of the seminal Royal Society Conference on Scientific and Technological Information, thirty years which roughly coincide with Leslie Wilson's reign at Aslib, which ends in September 1978. In an introductory paper, Leslie Wilson will therefore briefly review this period, not only tracing the developments of Aslib under his leadership and his hopes for its future, but pinpointing some of the developments in the main information scene since 1948 that he sees as particularly significant and the growing areas of the future. These areas are developed in the conference programme under the following headings:

Information as power – presentation and interpretation.

Publishing: the changes due to the explosion of information; new developments in technology, their effects and the problems they pose.

Changing Government attitudes to information: the 'capital value' of information to the country, the shift from scientific and technological to commercial and social information; changing priorities, changing funding policies; pressures on Government from a better informed public; the Government's attitude to a national plan.

The Information Industry – an attempt to give a wide view of the industry, discussing where it is going, what it contributes, how it might change the pattern of information provision.

The British Library, taking a broad view of the concept of a national organization and the services it can provide, sketching in what has been achieved to date and with a suggestion of what impact these activities, actual or potential, have had on the general library system.

The beautiful city of Edinburgh will provide a range of visits, professional and otherwise, and an exhibition of services similar to that staged in Lancaster will occupy the main foyer and reception area of Edinburgh University's Appleton Tower, where the Conference sessions will be held. As programme planning proceeds, details will appear in this column and an advance programme with registration form will be published and distributed early next year. All enquiries about the conference should be addressed to The Conference Organizer, Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PL.

39th FID CONGRESS

25–28 September 1978, University of Edinburgh, Scotland

Theme – New trends in documentation and information

This Congress takes place at a critical time for FID. Its role, objectives and even existence are being questioned both by its members and by those outside. In consequence, the General Assembly agreed in Mexico, in 1976, that this Congress should provide an opportunity to take stock of where the Federation stands, and consider in which directions it should go to serve its professional membership and to fulfil its role internationally.

There is a consensus that the growth of activity of the intergovernmental bodies worldwide has only increased the need for a body like FID to focus on the requirements of those engaged professionally in documentation and information. The future programme of FID should concentrate on those professional aspects, and by so doing enhance its value to its members.

The Congress will be structured so that the members can make their contribution to the planning of the new programme, and the shaping of the Federation's future. A keynote speaker will describe the broad economic, political and social trends within which the FID must function. There will then be six half-day sessions each devoted to a major topic of professional concern. At the end, a review session led by the two Vice-Presidents will identify the key issues that have emerged in the discussion, and show the bases for FID's future action.

Each of the sessions will be led by a Chairman whose task will be to set the scene, and show how the 3 or 4 speakers who follow are integrated into the session theme. The speakers will concentrate on the future issues – problems, research needs, opportunities – they anticipate within their special topics. The members will have the opportunity to question the panel of speakers and put their views on the future role of the Federation in each subject area. To some extent this will be an opportunity for existing committees to justify their present actions and show their significance for the Federation and for the individual members. This will also be the chance for the individual members to make their wishes known in a unique way.

This Congress may be a turning point in the history of FID. The opportunities are vast and exciting. It is hoped that as many members as possible will come and contribute actively to steering their Federation into new paths so that it may serve them in the future as well as – or even better than – it has done in its past 80 years of achievement.

Programme

Opening Session (Plenary) (Monday morning, 25 September)

Welcoming address, Keynote paper.

Session 2 (half day)

Developments in the theoretical basis of information/documentation including linguistics – a look at new trends and their impact on information practitioners.

Session 3 (two half day sessions)

New trends in technology and their applications in information processing including reprographics, machine translation, and the technical aspects of communication.

i. Reprographics and machine translation,
ii. Communication technology.

Session 4 (half day)

New developments in classification and other systems for information retrieval.

Session 5 (half day)

New trends in the organization and management of information: developing techniques for measurement and cost analysis in the management of information systems.

Session 6 (half day)

Professional development, manpower, education and training – some emerging developments.

Session 7 (Thursday afternoon, 28 September)

Review of session findings by FID Vice-Presidents, Peter Judge and Dr. P. Lázár.
Official closing of Congress.

Call for Papers

Submitted papers are invited under the topics shown above. All these papers should concern themselves with new trends in documentation and information and their impact on the profession. A limited number of papers will be selected for presentation by the authors in the Congress sessions; others may be chosen for distribution to participants in the appropriate session, where they may also be commented on by the Chairman and Rapporteur.

Abstracts of proposed papers (up to 300 words) should be submitted for consideration by the Programme Committee as soon as possible and **not later than 15 January 1978.** They should be addressed to FID, P. O. Box 30115, 2500 GC The Hague, Nethertherlands. Papers should be submitted in English or French, in which languages the papers and discussion will be conducted and for which simultaneous translation will be provided.

Meeting place and registration

The Congress will be held in the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. A programme annoucement, with details of the sessions, topics and speakers, will also contain information about hotel accommodation and social arrangements with a registration form for those wishing to participate. This will be distributed in the early part of 1978 and available from the Conference Organizer, Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PL, England or FID, P.O. Box 30115, 2500 GC The Hague, Netherlands.

CONSULTANCY SERVICE

A recent assignment for the International Labour Office took members of the Consultancy Service to Turin, thus adding Italy to the already impressive list of countries in which Aslib's consultants have worked. The 3-day visit was made as part of a study of the ILO's documentation services in the training field, which has entailed investigation of information needs and resources both at the headquarters in Geneva, and at the Centre for Advanced Technical and Vocational Training in Turin. This is the fourth contract undertaken for the ILO, the first (in 1973) having been a general evaluation study of its library and information services. Subsequent work has largely been concerned with the implementation of recommendations made at that time.

Other overseas projects this year have been undertaken for the International Energy Agency and the Commission of the European Communities, including a re-run of a training course for SDIM indexers. Most recent projects have, however, been based in the U.K.

In marked contrast with the splendid landscapes of Geneva, Birmingham and Wolverhampton have been more typical locations for much of the department's work. Worthy of particular mention is a contract for a medium-sized oil-based products firm, where a detailed study is being made of information transfer between the main components of the organization, and of all the associated storage and retrieval systems.

Other ongoing contracts are concerned with the compilation and indexing of procedure manuals within a large insurance company, and with the reorganization of technical information services within a large firm of consulting engineers.

R + D

Job mobility and the occupational image

A multi-faceted study of career patterns and expectations of librarians and information workers is in mid-progress. Scope of this project includes not only movement within the different sectors of the profession and entrance to and exit from it, but also exploration of the reasons (subjective and objective) for patterns of transfer and mobility. Under the latter sub-heading, the public image and the self-image of the profession are being examined. *Margaret Slater*

Viewdata

A bright future for Viewdata with existing library and information services? The British Library R & D Department, are currently planning to explore some possibilities during the Post Office Market Trial starting in June 1978. Aslib has been commissioned in the first instance to prepare detailed specifications for two related studies concerning the effect of Viewdata on public reference library services and its potential as a conveyor of community information. *Catherine Sullivan* and *David Oliver* are working on this project.

Use of review literature

If you are doing reference work or enquiry answering, we need your help for a study on the Use of Review Literature. The acknowledgment of review literature as an important source of information has been based largely on intuition. Over the years there has been a dearth of in-depth research in this area and we are now hoping to rectify this situation. As financial pressures increase reviews are growing in importance. There is therefore a need to know why and how they are used and of what value they are to the user. At this stage we are concerned with librarians'/information officers' specific use of the review literature and its importance as stock for answering enquiries.

This gathering of basic practical information on the underlying characteristics of review use by information workers should aid the development of newer methods of production and notification. If you have already received our questionnaire please complete and return it as soon as possible. *Gail Umeham.*

Periodical subscriptions

The project, 'Factors affecting the renewal of periodical subscriptions', was undertaken at the request of the BL/STM Working Party and is designed to explore the relationships, if any, between inter-library lending or photocopying and periodical subscriptions. The final report on the project should be published as an Aslib Occasional Report at the end of 1977. On the basis of this study, no direct relationship between inter-library lending and periodical cancellations can be demonstrated, but availability of journals on loan is a consideration when libraries are forced to make cancellations. *Tony Woodward.*

Comparison of Research Methodologies for Conducting In-house User Studies

The initiative for this study came from one of Aslib's members, who felt that the methodology of many user studies on library and information services conducted within organizations, was not entirely appropriate to the problem under investigation.

In this study, 3 types of research methods, namely, questionnaire with multiple choice questions, questionnaire with 'open ended' questions and unstructured interviews are being tested against 3 types of problems – a factual one, an evaluative one and an investigative one – to demonstrate the interaction between the type of problem and the type of methodology employed in collecting the data. The total sample size is 150 and a factorial design is being used for this investigation.

The data, using all 3 techniques in turn for each of the problems, has now been collected and analysis is now in progress.

It is hoped that the outcome of this study will aid researchers in designing future projects in this area. The basic aim is to provide quicklines for obtaining 'goodness of fit' between the problem under investigation and the methods of investigations, thus optimizing the reliability and practical utility of research results. Few studies of this kind have been attempted in any field, hence the results of this study could be of interest to researchers in fields other than library and information science. *Sandy Hensman.*

LIBRARY

Helen Neale, B.A., H-Dip. Lib., Aslib's new Deputy Librarian, replacing Lynette Nicholls, who left the library after 2½ years. Helen originally comes from Rhodesia and has lived in England for four years. Her previous library experience includes the London University Careers Advisory Service and the Economic Intelligence Unit.

ACCOUNTS

Miss M. C. Ranson is leaving the Accounts Department at the end of November where she has worked for the past eighteen years. We extend our best wishes to her in her retirement.

BIOLOGICAL GROUP

There has been an encouraging response this year to the new subscription for Group membership from the Aslib Biological Group, which now has 108 fully paid up members. New members continue to join and are announced in *Aslib Information,* symbolized by the letter B. Members are drawn from the special libraries and information bureaux of a wide variety of organizations at home and abroad, including central and local government, industries of various kinds, research associations, as well as universities, polytechnics, colleges of technology, hospitals, museums and publishers.

Programme 1978

January/February	Wellcome Laboratories, Beckenham, Kent. Title, time date and venue to be announced later.
Wednesday, March 22	Monkswood Experimental Station, Huntingdon, at the invitation of Dr. F. Perring,
Wednesday, May 3	5.00 for 5.30 at Aslib. Title to be announced later.

ENGINEERING GROUP

Product data: the planning of a national service

Engineering Group Conference, 11–14 July 1978, Cranfield Institute of Technology

This is the theme of the 1978 Aslib Engineering Group Conference to be held 11–14 July at Cranfield. Speakers from a range of industries will discuss the parameters of product data and the information services that a national product data service should provide. To gather background information for the conference, the Engineering Group Committee is preparing surveys into the use of product data and also of available product data services. Further details of the conference will be announced later.

Officers elected for the 1977/78 Committee are: B. R. Styles (Chairman), E. J. MacAdam (Treasurer) and A. W. Rider (Secretary). The Secretary's address is: Room 14, Science Reference Library, 10 Porchester Gardens, London W2 4DE. Tel: 01-727-3022 Extn. 34

INFORMATICS GROUP

The committee are pleased to announce that the Council of Aslib has approved the change of name of the Aslib Coordinate Indexing Group to the Informatics Group. This is a change that the committee has been pressing for since a proposal to change the name was passed at the Annual General Meeting of the Group in 1976, as it was felt that the new name more closely reflected the interests of Group Members.

TECHNICAL TRANSLATION GROUP

Programme for 1978 – The AGM is booked for 13 January 1978 at 4.30 p.m. to be followed by the Sherry Party at 5.30 p.m. On the same date, at 8 p.m. the Translators' Guild are holding a 'Call My Bluff' competition for three teams. They are providing one team, the Translators' Association another, and we have been invited to provide the third. Mr. Cook-Radmore will be in the Chair. The venue is the Royal Over-Seas League, Park Place, St. James', London SW1. Tickets will be £2.00 per head, including a buffet, and applications should be sent to the Institute of Linguists, 24a Highbury Grove, London N5, with cheque enclosed.

AEBIG News

Aslib Economic and Business Information Group

Please send all contributions for the page to: Megan Thomas, Information and Research Officer, Allied International Designers Ltd., 10 Rathbone Place, London, W1P 2DN. Tel: 01-580 8465. Our deadline date for each issue is the 20th of the preceding month.

AEBIG Annual Party

The committee looks forward to meeting group members at the AEBIG Annual Party on 11 January, which, over the years has proved to be a very successful occasion. For further details on the event and our February meeting on business archives, please refer to the Calendar in this issue.

Group News

We suggest that Group members who did not receive AEBIG notices for September and October meetings should check that their company has paid the subscription to ASLIB.

McCarthys

Members may like to note that the above company's new telephone number is (0985) 215151.

Periodicals on offer

The library at the London College of Printing would like to dispose of unbound copies of *Work Study and Management Services* 1966–75. (This periodical is now called *Management Services.*) This is a free offer but those interested would either have to pay postage or arrange collection. Please contact Mary Findlay, Tel: 01 735 8484 ext. 247.

CBI

Tricia Walters, formerly Librarian/Information Officer at Mercantile and General Reinsurance Company, has been appointed Marketing Representative in the U.K. for all the services of the Center for Business Information based in Paris. CBI is now marketing the Disclosure Service of the American Securities and Exchange Commission on microfiche or on paper copy. They will also be carrying out desk research, particularly on U.S. unquoted companies. It is hoped that a computer search service will be launched at a future date. For further details Tel: 01 328 1527. We will be giving more information on CBI's services in forthcoming issues of AEBIG News.

New services

Conference Board in Europe

Towards the end of September it was announced that a European affiliate of the New York based Conference Board is to be established with its Headquarters in Brussels. It will offer the European business community a programme of research, conferences and information exchange similar to those carried out in the U.S. and Canada. The Board is a non-profit institution engaged in the study of management practices and economic development. It is financed primarily by annual subscriptions of over 4,000 associates including more than 300 European companies.

EXTEL's Phone-In Share Disclosure Service

Extel has launched a new information service on current shareholdings due to the large number of disclosures made since the Companies Act, 1976 came into effect in April. The 'phone-in' service is being offered free of charge to current subscribers of the full British Company Service until the end of the year. If the response is encouraging the service will be made available on a regular basis from January 1978.

Dun and Bradstreet Export Support Service

To assist companies in the search for a reliable agent for the distribution of their products overseas Dun and Bradstreet have set up this service which provides a list of financially viable overseas companies interested in handling the particular product line. Listings are based on investigations by local staff or through a data bank of about 4 million continuously updated company profiles.

City University Business School

The school has recently launched a new series of working papers. The first two titles are: 'The Recruitment and Retention of Hospital Ancillary Staff: A Review of the Literature and Bibliography', and 'Lack of Clarity in the Foreman's Role with Regard to Delegated Authority.'

Copies of these and future issues are available free to libraries from Gerry Smith, Librarian, The City University Business School, Lionel Denny House, 23 Goswell Road, London EC1M 7BB.

New Publications

Guide to World Commodity Markets (Kogan Page £12.50). — This publication covers some 90 markets in 19 countries. Where relevant, details are provided for each market such as the name of the chief executive, contract particulars, hours of trading, rules and regulations and currencies dealt in. For 11 major commodities there are production and consumption figures, price graphs and a brief historical background. More general articles by the editorial contributors give information on the development and present role of the markets.

Publication

At time of going to press the appearance of the second edition of the *International Directory of Published Market Research* was imminent. Published by the British Overseas Trade Board it costs £9.75.

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News

NTIS Reports

Recent advertisements by NTIS may lead some librarians to believe that the British Library Lending Division is no longer able to supply NTIS Reports. On the contrary, according to a memorandum of understanding signed by NTIS and the British Library Lending Division in January this year, the Lending Division is the sole agent in the UK for fiche-to-fiche reproductions of NTIS Reports, and also supplies hard copy of these reports. Hard copy is also available from Microinfo. *M. B. Line, The British Library.*

Centre for Information Science

The Centre for Information Science, The City University will again admit a small number of 'occasional' students to the M.Sc. modules on biomedical and pharmaceutical information and on financial, commercial and legal information. These will be held from 9.45 to 5.00 p.m. Tuesdays and Mondays respectively for ten weeks, commencing 9 January 1978. The fee for each course is £40. Further details are available from Dr. R. T. Bottle, Tel: 01-253 4399 ext 556.

Non-computerized selective dissemination

The British Library R + D department have contracted with Tom Whitehall of the Department of Library and Information Studies, Loughborough University of Technology, LE11 3TU, to collect details of methods used in manual selective dissemination, and to write a handbook of techniques. Mr Whitehall reports that so far he has obtained much useful material (mainly from government departments and academic libraries) and hopes to start compiling it soon. If anyone is running an individual notification service based on human scanning and would like to help, please would they write to T. Whitehall at the above address.

Ranganathan Award for Classification Research

It may be recalled that the first Ranganathan Award for Classification Research was presented to Mr Derek Austin of the British Library.

Nominations are invited for the second 'Ranganathan Award for Classification Research'. The Award will consist of a Certificate of Merit awarded by the FID/CR for outstanding contribution in Classification Research in recent years. In accordance with FID/CR Terms of Reference (1973), Classification means 'any method for recognizing relations, generic or other, between items of information regardless of the degree of hierarchy used and of whether those methods are applied in connection with traditional or computerized information systems'.

Work done (published or unpublished) not earlier than 1 August 1974 may be submitted or nominated for consideration. Each submission or nomination should mention the special points as to why the work deserves to be considered for the Award. There is no restriction in respect of age, sex, or nationality of author of the work.

The closing date for receiving nominations will be 1 March 1978. The works and nominations should be sent to The Chairman, FID/CR, c/o The Documentation Research and Training Centre (DRTC), Indian Statistical Institute, 112 Cross Road-11, Malleswaram, Bangalore 560 003, India.

The Ranganathan Award Sub-Committee will review all the works and nominations received for consideration; and it will make a decision as to which work should receive the Award. The Committee reserves the right not to make an Award if such a decision is warranted. The decision of the Sub-Committee is final and it is not subject to appeal. The Certificate of Merit may be presented to the person selected, at the Thirty-Ninth FID Congress to be held in September 1978 in Edinburgh, United Kingdom.

'British Activity in on-line information services'

The British Computer Society Information Retrieval Specialist Group will be holding a half-day meeting on Wednesday 30 November from 14.00–17.15 p.m. at City University, London, entitled 'British Activity in on-line information services'.

The speakers will be Mr. David Martin, Manager of the recently formed Infoline and Dr. Philip Holmes of the British Library Automated information service BLAISE. Tickets are obtainable price £1.00 from: The Information Retrieval Secretary, SCICON, Sanderson House, 49 Barners Street, London W.C.1

Libraries on the air

Birmingham Public Libraries is to have its own regular programme on BBC Radio Birmingham commencing later this month. Entitled 'On the shelf', the 15-minute programme will consist of magazine-type items such as book reviews, features spotlighting various departments and services, interviews with authors and readers and news of forthcoming events. The first programme will be broadcast on Sunday 23 October at 1633 hours, with a repeat on Thursday 27 October at 1830. Programmes for the rest of the year will be on 20 November (repeat 24) and 18 December (repeat 22). Programme Planning is in the hands of a representative Working Party and staff at all levels are being encouraged to take part as presenters, reviewers and interviewers. There is an enthusiastic technical team and the producer is Malcolm J. Brookes, A.L.A. The programme is aimed at library users and non-users alike and seeks to promote an awareness of library services in the West Midlands area. Further details can be obtained from: The City Librarian, Central Libraries, Birmingham B3 3HQ. Tel: 021-235 3392.

News

Indexes to 'Engineering' illustrations

The Librarian of Birmingham Museum of Science and Industry (Mrs E. K. Tallant) is compiling a cumulated index to illustrated articles published in *Engineering* Vol. 1, 1866 onwards. Mrs Tallant would be pleased to hear from other librarians who have compiled indexes to *Engineering* illustrations for their own libraries, or who have a record of any. It may be possible to amalgamate partial indexes already completed. Enquiries have failed to reveal any project to make a cumulative index to *Engineering*. Please address replies to Mrs E. K. Tallant, Museum of Science and Industry, Newhall Street, Birmingham, B3 1RZ. Tel: 021-236 1022.

CONGRESS

European Regional Congress of Agricultural Librarians and Documentalists in Hamburg 17–21 April 1978. The theme of the congress is 'Modern systems and networks and the reliability of information'. It is organized by the International Association of Agricultural Librarians and Documentalists/IAALD, and Gesellschaft für Bibliothekswesen und Dokumentation des Landbaues/GBDL.

For further information contact, Chairman, H. Haendler, Dokumentationsstelle der Universitat Hohenheim, Postfach 106.D 7000 Stuttgart 70.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

MLA Annual Directory for 1977/78. The 1977/78 Annual Directory of the Medical Library Association which lists more than 3300 individuals and 1200 institutional members is now available. MLA officers, Bylaws, and the new Code for the Certification of Health Sciences Librarians and Library Technicians. Committees are also included, as well as charges and members.

The Directory can be purchased with prepayment of $15 from MLA Headquarters, 919 North Michigan, Suite 3208, Chicago, Illinois 60611. This publication is free to all members.

The Economics of World Energy Supply: a bibliography of the literature and of sources of statistics. This multilingual compilation is the result of a comprehensive literature search and lists over 1,200 references, classified by subject and geographically. The section on statistics classifies geographically a further 230 sources of data on the subject, with emphasis on the major energy producing and consuming countries. The scope of the publication embraces energy resources, production and consumption, and the effects of energy policy on trade, development and economic policy.

The compilers are John Bennet, M.A., A.L.A., Christine Prince, B.A., A.L.A. and John Raine, B.Sc. (Econ), A.L.A., all of whom are specialists in economic and management information.

Designed as a working tool for economists, businessmen, researchers, librarians and information specialists, *The Economics of World Energy Supply* costs £12 and is distributed exclusively by Alan Armstrong & Associates Ltd. 8 Queen Victoria Street, Reading, RG1 1TG, England.

Recent references on science, technology and society is a quarterly current awareness bulletin produced by Newcastle-upon-Tyne Polytechnic Library listing books, periodical articles, research reports, theses, etc. relating to the social, political and economic aspects of science and technology. Copies – at present free of charge – may be obtained from Ian Winship, Science and Technology Librarian, Newcastle-upon-Tyne Polytechnic Library, Ellison Place, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE1 8ST.

Library Management News, number 1, August 1977. This newsletter will be published in August, November, February and May. It is intended as a vehicle for communications, debate, discussion, and for notification of meetings, seminars, courses and other training programmes.

For further information contact Linda Stewart, Information Officer for Library Management, Department of Library and Information Studies, Loughborough University, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 3TU.

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In response to the entry in *Aslib Information* July 1974, and further to the lists given in recent issues, we have received the following bibliographies, which are available direct from the issuing organizations. Please give full details when ordering – the Bibliography number alone is not sufficient to enable the publishing organization to identify the item.

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Meeting

ASLIB EVENING MEETING

Wednesday, 18 January 1978.
17.30 (Tea 17.00)

Aslib,
3 Belgrave Square,
London SW1

TECHNOLOGY PUSH AND THE SOCIAL THREAT IN THE PAPERLESS REVOLUTION

Speaker: A.E. Cawkell, Director of Research,
Institute for Scientific Information

The development of Large Scale Integrated (LSI) circuits, Microprocessors, cheap storage, new input/output devices, and cheap satellite communications herald revolutionary changes in human information processing; in particular the conventional role of print on paper will diminish; the control of communication channels will become increasingly important. After a brief review of past, present, and future developments, the way in which they may effect people's needs, behaviour, social habits and employment will be discussed.

November / December 1977.

Please tear off and return by
13 January 1978.

To: The Conference Organiser, Aslib,
3 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PL

ASLIB EVENING MEETING: TECHNOLOGY PUSH AND THE SOCIAL THREAT IN THE PAPERLESS REVOLUTION

I / We shall be attending the Aslib Evening Meeting 18 January, 1978.

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Course

COURSE ON THESAURUS CONSTRUCTION

7-9 March 1978
at Aslib Headquarters

Aims and objectives:

Libraries and information departments are increasingly turning to post-coordinate systems to give greater depth and flexibility to their indexing of highly specialised material, with or without the aid of mechanical or electronic aids. The construction of a thesaurus to control the indexing language is an essential part of most such systems. This course is aimed at senior librarians and information officers who have an unsatisfactory retrieval system and wish to employ or institute a thesaurus. It is designed to give students the knowledge necessary to construct a thesaurus suitable for their users' needs, or alternatively to evaluate existing thesauri, and possibly adapt them to meet their users' needs. It includes extensive practical exercises which will give students experience of the techniques involved.

Fee: £42.00 (£33.00 to members of Aslib). This includes morning coffee and afternoon tea each day but not lunches.

Bookings: Places are limited to 20. Bookings open when this notice is published. Members are advised to make provisional bookings by telephone as soon as possible after receiving this notice.

Details of the programme are given overleaf.

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COURSE ON THESAURUS CONSTRUCTION

P R O G R A M M E

Day I

Session 1 Introduction to the thesaurus : what it is and what it is not - the distinction between grammar and meaning.

Session 2 The basic thesaural relationships.

Session 3 Practical exercise in thesaural relationships.

Day II

Session 4 The display of thesauri - the different types available.

Session 5 Term collection, term specificity and term co-ordination; subcodes supercodes and phrasal ideas

Session 6 The embodiement of thesauri, especially machine-held thesauri.

Session 7 The use and extension of existing thesauri.

Session 8 The evaluation, maintenance and updating of thesauri.

Day III

Session 9 (all day) Practical exercise on the construction, use and testing of a thesaurus.

Cancellations:

If a booking is cancelled earlier than a week before the beginning of the course, the fee will be refunded, less a deduction of £5.00 to cover Aslib's expenses. No refund will be made for later cancellations.

Course

INTER-LIBRARY LOANS : HOW TO SUCCEED

in conjunction with the British Library Lending Division

23-24 February 1978

at Aslib Headquarters

It is universally agreed that the British Library network, including the British Library Lending Division, offers UK borrowers the most comprehensive loan collection in the world. It is apparent, however, that many users do not get the results the system deserves. Why is this? This course is designed to show how your inter-library loans success rate can be improved by proper use of all resources.

This course was devised by members of the Aslib Information Department experienced in handling inter-library loans; representatives from the BLLD will also be lecturing and explaining its role.

The course is intended for those library assistants who are involved in the practical aspects of inter-library borrowing, i.e. the strategies of borrowing material from external sources.

Emphasis will be placed on problems encountered, and a large proportion of the course will consist of working sessions. Participants are also expected to bring their own examples with them.

If the phrases "not in stock" and "unable to trace" are over-familiar then this course is for you.

Fee: £30.00 Open to Aslib members and BLLD Subscribers only

Bookings: Places are limited to 15. Bookings open when this notice is published. Members are advised to make provisional bookings by telephone as soon as possible

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INTER-LIBRARY LOANS : HOW TO SUCCEED

S Y N O P S I S

First Day

Morning
i) Introduction: the proven need for this course - inter-library loans the 'poor relation' - the need for identification of publication type and checking.
ii) The British Library Lending Division (with tape-slide presentation).
iii) Journals: methods of verification of details; locating.
iv) Practical session and discussion.

Afternoon
i) Books and conference proceedings: methods of verification of details; locating.
ii) Practical session and discussion.

Second Day

Morning
i) Reports, Government publications, theses, standards: methods of verification of details; locating.
ii) Discussion
iii) Participants' examples

Afternoon
i) Guides to locating and speculative searching

Discussion

Participants are expected to bring examples of their own problems to the course.

Cancellations: If a booking is cancelled earlier than a week before the beginning of the course, the fee will be refunded, less a deduction of £5.00 to cover Aslib's expenses. No refund will be made for later cancellations.

Course

USE OF ON-LINE INFORMATION SYSTEMS

A course presented with the support of the Institute of Information Scientists and the Library Association.

31 January - 1 February 1978 at Aslib Headquarters

Aims and Objectives

Anyone with a computer terminal and a telephone can now use, if they so wish, a variety of computer-based information systems to search very large stores of document references in a wide range of subject fields. The main purpose of this course is to show what facilities exist, how they can be used, and what they cost. At the same time, an up-to-date picture will be given of development trends in Europe and the USA.

The course is designed for information scientists and librarians who have a practical interest in the use of on-line information systems. Some prior knowledge of computer-based information systems will be assumed, but the course includes some instruction on the technology of on-line, real-time systems and associated telecommunications aspects.

This course was prepared by a team of specialists when they were working in the Aslib R & D Department, and will be presented by them with some participation from outside.

Fee: £85.00 (£70.00 to Aslib members). This includes all papers and materials relating to the course, computer use and morning coffee and afternoon tea, but not lunches.

Bookings: Places are limited to 20. Bookings open when this notice is published. Members are advised to make provisional bookings by telephone as soon as possible after receiving this notice.

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USE OF ON-LINE INFORMATION SYSTEMS

S Y N O P S I S

Session A

1 The history of computer-based information retrieval systems
2 The technical background - how it works

Session B How to carry out a search

Session C Present and future services

Session D The availability of data bases in given subject areas

Session E The effect of national and political factors on the rate of development of on-line information retrieval

Session F Costs, charges and prices

On-line search demonstrations and hands-on practical experience for the student will take place after Session B.

Cancellations:

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Course

SENIOR INTRODUCTORY COURSE TO SPECIAL LIBRARY AND INFORMATION WORK

15-19 May 1978
at Aslib Headquarters

Aims and Objectives: This course is intended for graduates, or people with similar qualifications entering special library and information work without previous experience. It is intended to introduce them to the basic principles governing the handling of information, and to give them a broader view of their work than can be obtained by working in a single information department or library.

Fee: £75.00 (£60.00 to members of Aslib). This includes morning coffee and afternoon tea each day but not lunch.

Bookings: Places are limited to 30. Bookings open when this notice is published. Members are advised to make provisional bookings by telephone as soon as possible after receiving this notice.

Note: Students will not normally be accepted for this course unless they have a degree or some similar qualification but not in librarianship or information science. Other students who wish to attend the course should consult the Education Officer before sending in the application form. (Bibliographies and notes will be supplied to accompany lectures where appropriate.)

Details of the programme are given overleaf.

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SENIOR INTRODUCTORY COURSE TO SPECIAL LIBRARY AND INFORMATION WORK

SYNOPSIS

Day I

The role and value of information departments. Selection and acquisition of published material. Loan procedures. Point-of-service techniques.

Day II

Bibliography: Sources of published information for books and periodicals. Dissemination of information.

Day III

Information retrieval - catalogues and indexes. Main emphasis on classification systems.

Day VI

Foreign language barriers. Patents. Information retrieval - less conventional systems.

Day V

External sources of published information in science and technology. Subject enquiries and literature searching.

VISITS

Both the Aslib Library and the Aslib Information Department will be visited and the functions of Aslib in the field of information will be discussed.

Cancellations: If a booking is cancelled earlier than one week before the beginning of the course the fee will be refunded less a deduction of £5.00 to cover Aslib's expenses. No refund will be made for later cancellations.

Course

INTRODUCTORY COURSE TO SPECIAL LIBRARY AND INFORMATION WORK

11-14 April 1978
at Aslib Headquarters

Aims and Objectives: This course is intended for those taking up junior posts in special libraries and information departments. It is designed to increase their efficiency by giving them a better understanding of the reasons for various routines and practices they meet in their work, and the function they fulfil in the framework of the whole organisation.

Fee: £65.00 (£50.00 to members of Aslib). This includes morning coffee and afternoon tea each day but not lunch.

Bookings: Places are limited to 30. Bookings open when this notice is published. Members are advised to make provisional bookings by telephone as soon as possible after receiving this notice.

Note: A separate course is provided for graduates and people of similar status, and students are advised to consult the Education Officer if they are in doubt which is the more appropriate course for their needs.

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INTRODUCTORY COURSE TO SPECIAL LIBRARY AND INFORMATION WORK

SYNOPSIS

DAY I

Library procedures, recording of orders, accessions, loans, circulation, the treatment and use of periodicals and special types of material.

DAY II

Records of the Library's holdings: The catalogue and cataloguing - author and title entries, the subject index - classifying procedures, retrieving information. Dissemination of information.

DAY III

Guides to publications, use of bibliographies, indexes, abstract journals and union lists. Photocopying and cost efficiency in making copies.

DAY IV

Services to the user, handling enquiries. Getting help from others: inter-library loans, making the best of available services.

Cancellations. If a booking is cancelled earlier than a week before the beginning of the course, the fee will be refunded less a deduction of £5.00 to cover Aslib's expenses. No refund will be made for later cancellations.

Course

COURSE ON BUSINESS INFORMATION

to be held at Aslib Headquarters
17-21 April 1978

Aims and Objectives: This course is intended for staff who are engaged in handling business or commercial information and for librarians or information officers in other subjects who need to handle business information. It concentrates on sources of information in the major fields of company information, statistics, marketing intelligence, product information, and also includes some sessions on the techniques of information handling. Practical work will be included.

Fee: £75.00 (£60.00 to members of Aslib). This includes morning coffee and afternoon tea each day (except Wednesday morning) but not lunch.

Bookings: Places are limited to 30. Bookings open when this notice is published. Members are advised to make provisional bookings by telephone as soon as possible after receiving this notice.

Visits: This course includes a visit to the City Business Library in order to gain experience in using the full range of published material in commercial and company information, as well as a visit to the Aslib Information Department. Bibliographies and notes will be supplied to accompany lectures where appropriate, and examples of publications mentioned will be available for inspection.

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